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Full-day K fails to close academic 'gap,' study says

Making the grade? Program to be fully implemented across Ontario by next fall, despite concerns about lack of space, funding

The academic benefits of full-day kindergarten are short-lived and by high school there is no difference between a child who attended the all-day program or only went for half, says a new study out of the University of Manitoba.

Researchers found full-day kindergarten does not "shrink the gap" in achievement between students from families with low socioeconomic status and those from more affluent homes, a reason often cited for the program.

The benefits seen early on "maybe just fade because full-day kindergarten has a smaller and smaller influence as kids get more experience in the academic setting," said Marni Brownell, a senior research scientist and professor with the University of Manitoba.

As for the achievement gap, "maybe the kinds of things kids are learning at school aren't being reinforced at home" and that's why no difference is seen in later years.

The Manitoba findings come on the heels of a study done for the Ontario government showing that, in the short-term, kids in the full-day program are two to four times ahead of others in several key learning skills by Grade 1. The government will soon release that study in its entirety.

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Benefits short-lived: Researchers

"We're not trying to say full-day kindergarten is not a good program — what we are saying is if you are implementing full-day kindergarten to get these long-term academic outcomes, maybe this isn't the best way to do it." Marni Brownell, University of Manitoba

SHARK WEEK, EVERY WEEK

Andy DeHart, director of husbandry, watches the sharks pass overhead in the underwater tunnel at Ripley's Aquarium of Canada, near the base of the CN Tower. The highly anticipated attraction finally opens Wednesday, giving the city a much-needed tourism boost. The aquarium houses more than 16,000 marine animals and more than 450 species. RENE JOHNSTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Millionaire accused of drunk rampage

Michael Wekerle hoists a woman in a still from a security video in 2010. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

A millionaire Bay Street financier with a bag full of cash went on a "drunken escapade" at a luxury Arkansas hotel three years ago, exposing himself to guests and roughhousing with staff, according to allegations in a lawsuit filed last week.

Michael (Wek) Wekerle, co-founder of Difference Capital Financial Inc., started by blowing an air horn in the lobby, then dropped his pants, licked a woman's foot, yelled profanity and attempted to flip a doorman over his shoulder, the claim alleges.

That doorman now has a permanent injury to his shoulder, said his lawyer, and is suing for "at least" $150,000 in damages.

The complaint claims Wekerle flew into Little Rock, Ark., on a private jet on Oct. 22, 2010, and went to the Capital Hotel.

According to the hotel security incident report, he "came in with a fanny pack full of money," and was "throwing it everywhere."

The lawsuit alleges Wekerle hoisted a female guest off the ground and carried her through the lobby.

None of the allegations have been proven in court.

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Gardiner decision expected by spring

Expressway. Environmental assessment approved for eastern section

The fate of the eastern portion of the Gardiner Expressway will be decided within months.

The city and Waterfront Toronto announced Tuesday that they are moving forward with an environmental assessment on the section of the expressway from Jarvis Street east to Logan Avenue and will ask council for a final decision as early as February or March.

"We must have a decision on the preferred alternative in the spring of 2014," said John Livey, the city's deputy city manager. The eastern portion of the Gardiner is in bad shape and though repairs are ongoing, a significant amount of time is involved in the EA, further design work, city and provincial approvals, and awarding contracts, said Livey.

Councillors will be asked to choose from a number of options that include maintaining the expressway, improving it, removing it or replacing it.

But city staff want to take two replacement options off the table before the environmental assessment goes to council: A "skyPATH" or elevated viaduct over the existing rail embankment, which is just north of Lake Shore, and an underground tunnel. There is not enough room to build the skyPATH and a tunnel could cost $2 billion.

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What to do?

The public is invited to a meeting Wednesday to review options, which include:

- Maintaining the existing expressway, but realigning Lake Shore Boulevard East so that it runs underneath the Gardiner.
- Removing the Gardiner's two middle lanes to create more light at ground level. Two lanes in either direction would be maintained and resurfaced.
- Removing the expressway altogether and creating an eight- to 10-lane ground-level boulevard.
- The final option is to replace the Gardiner with a new, more modern, elevated expressway that would be supported by central columns.

Inquest begins in shooting deaths

Family, friends and witnesses arrive for the inquest into the deaths of three people with mental-health issues at the new Centre of Forensic Sciences building on Tuesday. More than 50 witnesses will be called during the inquest looking into the deaths of Michael Eligon, 29, Sylvia Klibingaitis, 52, and Reyal Jardine-Douglas, 25, all of whom were shot and killed by police. It is expected to last eight weeks.

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City seeks help funding Union Station reno

Complex project.
Senior governments will be asked to help cover $80M cost overrun

The City of Toronto decided Tuesday to ask federal and provincial governments to help cover an $80 million increase in the cost of renovating Union Station.

The two levels of government are funding partners with the city in the project, which started out at $640 million in 2009, later increased to $715 million and is now expected to total $795 million when complete by the end of 2016.

The two governments contributed fixed grants to renovating the city-owned transportation hub. They haven't been asked for more cash yet, but could be approached, officials told councillors on the government management committee.

Coun. David Shiner, the committee's chair, said the city shouldn't be left holding the bag for overruns, particularly since $31 million in extra costs are for heritage restoration required by the federal government.

"Parks Canada has caused, on behalf of the federal government, substantial cost increases to save the heritage aspects of the building, without putting any funding into it," Shiner said.

Coun. Doug Ford, Mayor Rob Ford's brother, said he's already sounded out the federal government and doesn't believe they're ready to pony up.

However, councillors voted to put the issue over to next month's committee meeting on Nov. 18 while the other governments are asked for help.

If the answer is no, the city would withdraw $20 million from savings and borrow $60 million to be repaid through future rents from tenants at Union Station.

As is the case with many large projects, projections were made and work began before the design was fully completed, said Richard Coveduck, the city's director of facilities design and construction.

Final design work is now in hand and the information has been used to refine the costs, Coveduck said.

"The estimates are always refined as more and more data — hard data, real data — becomes available," he told the committee. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Why it's complicated

Costs rose through the sheer complexity of dealing with a 1927 vintage building with missing or incomplete records, which must function simultaneously as a transportation hub handling 65 million passengers a year, the committee was told.

- Adding to the complexity is the fact the TTC is adding a second subway platform to its adjacent station, and a new pedestrian connection to the downtown PATH system is underway.
- Meanwhile, GO Transit is renovating its train shed with a new atrium roof.

Quality Assurance report: All good!

Mya, 3 (at top, no last name provided), and Joshua Senthilnathan, 5, go for a slide at Mary Shadd Public School on Tuesday. The children tested out their new playground installed at the front of the school after the previous one burned to the ground on May 7. Three people have been charged in connection with the fire in the Malvern area. More than $75,000 was raised to rebuild the playground for the students. BERNARD WEIL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Enbridge 'chats' ahead of hearings

Pipeline company Enbridge has to "draw the line somewhere" when it comes to paying for spills such as the 2010 catastrophe in Michigan, said a spokesperson.

Graham White was responding to a reader's question during a live chat on Tuesday, on the eve of public hearings into the company's proposal to increase capacity and reverse the flow of its pipeline 9B, which runs the length of the GTA.

Four days of hearings in front of the National Energy Board, the federal regulator that will ultimately decide whether to allow the project, start on Wednesday morning.

Municipalities have voiced concern over who would cover costs of a major spill — not just containment and clean-up, but also evacuations and compensation for individuals and businesses.

A reader asked whether, in the event of a spill, Enbridge would pay people for all property damage and losses even if damages were to the tune of $20 billion.

A spill of that size and cost is "unlikely in the extreme," White replied.

"But it is worth noting, that if you use the largest example we have, the Marshall spill in Michigan in 2010, Enbridge paid for all costs of that spill past a billion dollars."

That spill saw 3.3 million litres of bitumen spew into the Kalamazoo River. The cleanup is still not complete.

If the contentious project is approved, Enbridge will boost capacity in Line 9B from 240,000 barrels per day to 300,000 and flow it eastward, allowing it to transport, in part, diluted bitumen from Alberta's oil fields to Quebec refineries. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Quest to reveal Lisi's associates now underway

Friend of the mayor.
Man faces drug charges, accused of involvement in crack video scandal

A superior court will soon hear arguments on whether to publicize the names of people that police knew to associate with an allegedly drug-dealing friend of Mayor Rob Ford.

On Tuesday, media lawyers appeared before a court justice to unearth information police used to obtain search warrants in the arrest of Alessandro Lisi.

Lisi was arrested Oct. 1 and charged with trafficking marijuana, possession of property obtained by crime, possession of marijuana and conspiracy to commit an indictable offence.

Crown lawyer Tom Andreopoulos said he needs a week to review the warrant information — all 500 pages of it — and black out certain sections.

Andreopoulos said the main issue is whether the documents will prejudice the interest of innocent parties — those who police may say were interacting with Lisi but face no charges.

The Crown also plans to censor information on confidential informants and investigative techniques. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Allegations

Torstar News Service has reported that Alessandro Lisi made attempts to retrieve an alleged video showing Mayor Ford smoking what appears to be crack cocaine.

- **Torstar later reported that a police probe was sparked by Lisi's alleged attempts to trade drugs for a cellphone believed to belong to Ford.**

A game of guts, glory and personal finance

Goalkeeper Karina LeBlanc of Canada's Olympic soccer team shows an audience of GTA students her Olympic medal at the unveiling of Visa Canada's Financial Soccer video game at the TMX Broadcast Centre on Tuesday. The free, fast-paced FIFA World Cup-inspired game uses the sport to teach students about finance. CONTRIBUTED

Tough to test

Jury still out on 'killer' Tasers

Deaths and serious injuries related to the use of stun guns are extremely rare, but current research cannot say conclusively how safe they are, according to an exhaustive review.

A panel of experts from the Council of Canadian Academies and the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences began reviewing all available research last summer. Its conclusion: Stun guns can kill people but can neither be confirmed nor excluded as a sole cause of death.

Scientists are troubled by a dearth of "gold-standard" literature. While studies have been done involving stunning healthy humans, few consider it ethical to do a study that involved Tasering a wide swath of the population.

The panel suggests police forces across the country fill out the exact same form each time a Taser is used, then let scientists crunch the data. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Playing a game of thrones

In a speech from the throne Wednesday, the Tories will be driving ahead with their jobs and tough-on-crime agendas while steering slightly to the left to pick up passengers on the social and consumer-issues track. Several consumer-friendly measures are aimed at turning the attention of voters away from the Senate spending controversy.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Relief ahead for cable, satellite TV subscribers?

The sales pitch will include measures directed at alleviating consumer irritants, such as a plan to force cable and satellite TV providers to adopt a pick-and-pay price model, in conjunction with the bundled channel payment plans.

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The friendly skies could get even friendlier

The Tories also hope voters will appreciate moves to create an airline passenger bill of rights, designed to compensate people who are inconvenienced when air carriers overbook flights.

Reining in those roaming fees

There will also likely be references to increasing competition in the wireless sector and to capping roaming fees.

"We think roaming fees have been a long standing concern for not only consumers but for competition within the telecom sector," Industry Minister James Moore said.

Will #thronespeech be a trending topic?

The Conservatives already have a website and Twitter hashtag set up to bring Canadians highlights from the throne speech under the banner "Seizing Canada's Moment — Security and Prosperity in an Uncertain World."

Trudeau: You can't trust the Tories

The opposition is sure to take advantage of the optics. The Tories, says Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau, cannot be trusted to do any of the things they'll promise in the speech.

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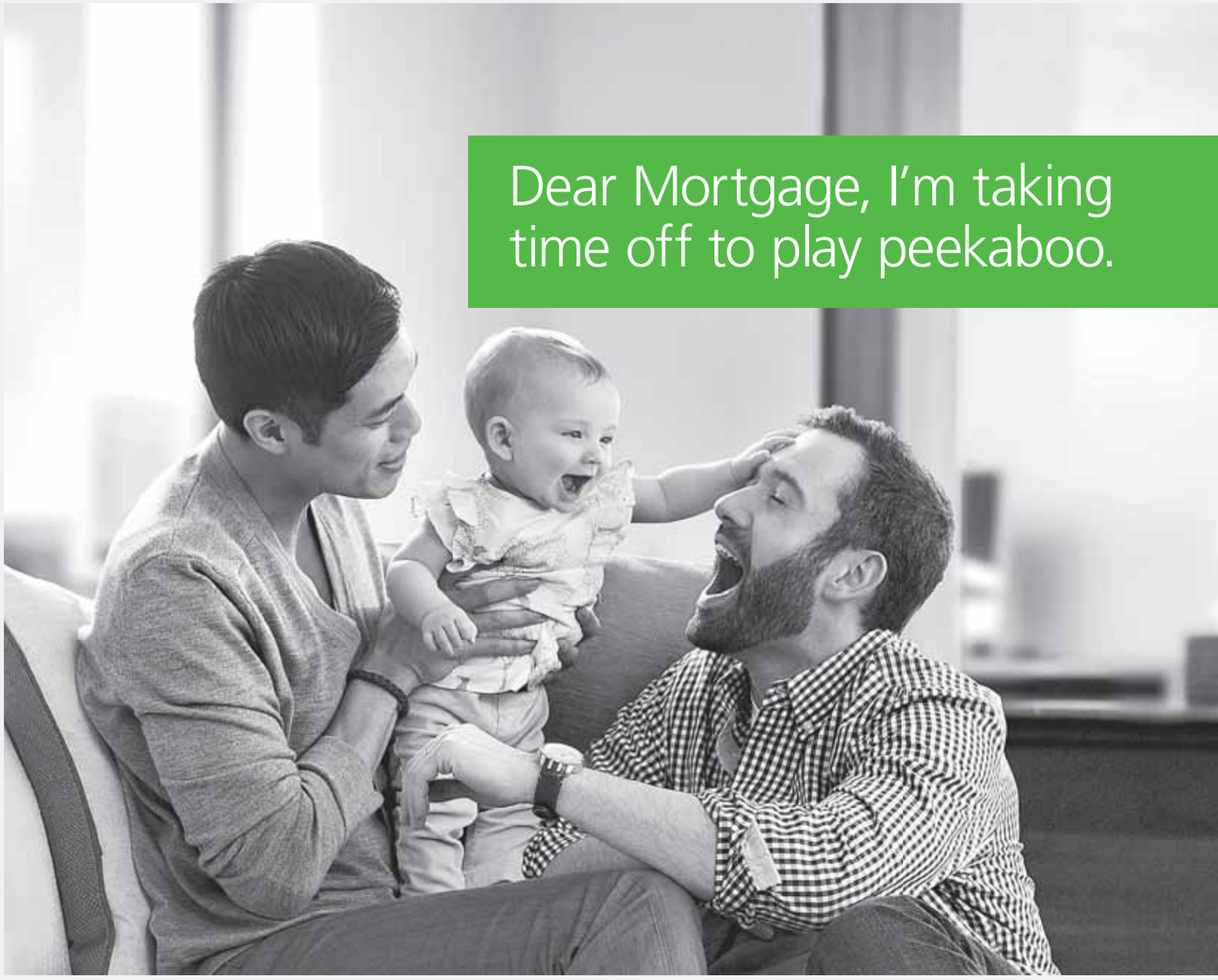

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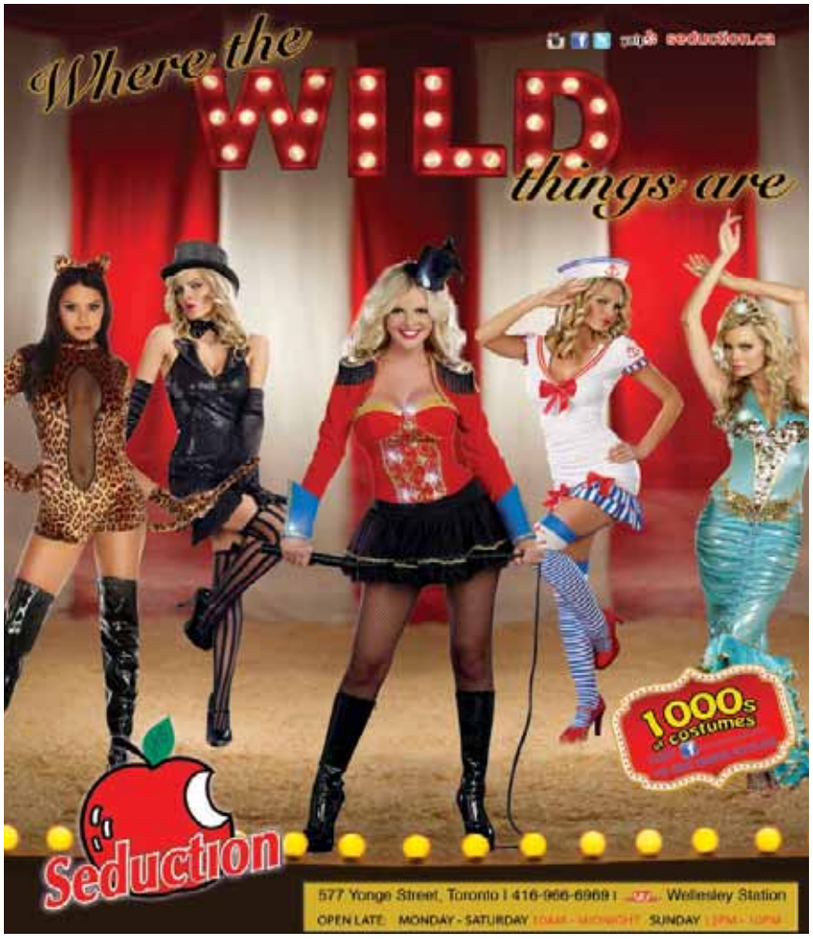
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Philippines. Archipelago situated in Pacific 'Ring of Fire,' where quakes occur frequently

Our Lady of Assumption church in Bohol on Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The death toll from a 7.2-magnitude earthquake that struck the central Philippine island of Bohol on Tuesday rose to 93, as rescuers struggled to reach patients in a collapsed hospital. Centuries-old stone churches crumbled and wide areas were without power.

The quake struck at 8:12 a.m. and was centred about 33 km below Carmen city, where many small buildings collapsed.

Many roads and bridges were reported damaged, making rescue operations difficult. Historic churches dating from the Spanish colonial period were badly damaged.

Among them was the 16th-century Basilica of the Holy Child in Cebu, which lost its bell tower.

The highest number of dead — 18 — was in Loon, west of Carmen, where patients were trapped inside the Congressman Castillo Memorial Hospital, which partially collapsed.

President Benigno Aquino III will travel to the area on Wednesday. Offices and schools were closed for a festival, which may have saved lives. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fears of a tsunami

"We hugged trees because the tremors were so strong."

Vilma Yorong, a government employee in Bohol. Yorong ran up a mountain, afraid a tsunami would follow the earthquake. But the quake was centred inland and did not cause a tsunami.

Tinderbox Egypt. Security tightened during Muslim holiday

Tanks stood at intersections and roadblocks cut main thoroughfares in Egypt on Tuesday, as authorities tightened security during the annual Muslim Eid al-Adha holiday amid continued deadlock between supporters of the ousted Islamist president and the military-backed interim government.

Troops sealed off Cairo's central Tahrir Square with rows of armoured vehicles and barbed wire, hoping to thwart any new attempt by supporters of Mohammed Morsi to enter. In recent weeks, they have tried to storm the plaza, the birthplace of the 2011 uprising that forced Hosni Mubarak out. Authorities have warned pro-Morsi protesters against entering Tahrir.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Russia

276 protesters detained

Moscow police on Tuesday detained 276 people who were protesting the stabbing death of an ethnic Russian man. Authorities said a suspect had been arrested. The killing has raised tensions between ethnic Russians and natives of the predominantly Muslim Caucasus, many of whom have migrated to big cities. The suspect is from Azerbaijan.

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Feds are failing missing women, says UN official

Disappearances of aboriginal women. Feds have so far refused to entertain the idea of an inquiry

The federal government should set up a national inquiry into the "disturbing phenomenon" of missing and murdered aboriginal women, a senior UN rights official said Tuesday.

James Anaya, the UN special rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples, has spent the last nine days touring the country, talking to aboriginals and both federal and provincial government officials.

And while governments across Canada have pledged a number of steps to deal with the problem of missing aboriginal women, it's not enough, Anaya said in Ottawa as he wrapped up his visit.

There has been strong pressure from aboriginal groups and some provinces for an inquiry into the disappearances. The Native Women's Association of Canada estimates there have been more than 600 such cases in the last 20 years.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Native Women's Association of Canada held a rally on Parliament Hill earlier this month to honour the lives of missing and murdered aboriginal women and girls. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

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"Canada faces a crisis when it comes to the situation of indigenous peoples of the country."

James Anaya, the UN special rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples.

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Border Patrol. Canadian teenagers lead U.S. police on a high-speed chase

Two Canadian teenagers stole three vehicles and led officers on a high-speed chase in which two U.S. Border Patrol vehicles were damaged and shots were fired before the teens were apprehended, U.S. authorities alleged Tuesday.

Stephen McCausland, of the Maine Department of Public Safety, said a 16-year-old boy and a 13-year-old girl were arrested late Monday after abandoning a stolen truck and attempting to flee down a steep embankment next to Route 27.

Const. Darcy Nichol, of the Killaloe detachment of Ontario Provincial Police, said the incident began Sunday night around 9 p.m., when a male youth stole a vehicle in Eganville, Ont., about 100 kilometres west of Ottawa.

In Maine, the teens were in another stolen car when they drove past the U.S. Border crossing at Coburn Gore, prompting a pursuit that topped 160 kilometres per hour and a collision with two border patrol vehicles, McCausland alleged.

The boy was charged with eluding an officer, passing a roadblock and aggravated criminal mischief, according to the Morning Sentinel newspaper. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Sarnia, Ont.

Inert hand grenades found near courthouse

A federal building in Sarnia, Ont., was evacuated Tuesday morning after staff found a package containing hand grenades. Police cordoned off the building for nearly two hours before determining the grenades were inert.

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Ontario-born Eleanor Catton wins Booker Prize for fiction

Eleanor Catton holds her prize and her book in London, U.K., Tuesday after being announced the winner of the Man Booker Prize for Fiction. Catton won the 50,000-pound ($83,000) prize for her book The Luminaries.

JOEL RYAN/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Luminaries. Catton becomes the youngest writer to win the award, for her ambitious, epic 19th-century gold-rush murder mystery

Youth and heft triumphed at the Booker Prize on Tuesday, as 28-year-old Ontario-born, New Zealand-based author Eleanor Catton won the fiction award for The Luminaries, an ambitious 832-page murder mystery set during the 19th-century.

The choice should give heart to young authors of oversized tales. Catton is the youngest writer to win the prestigious award — and her novel is easily the longest Booker champion.

In her acceptance speech, she thanked her editors, her agent and her publishers for not putting pressure on her while writing her novel.

"I was free, throughout, to concern myself with questions not of value but of worth. This is all the more incredible to me, because The Luminaries is and was … a publisher's nightmare," she said.

"The shape and form of the book made certain kinds of editorial suggestions not only mathematically impossible but even more egregious, astrologically impossible."

Catton had been bookmakers' joint favourite among the six prize finalists, alongside British novelist Jim Crace, for his rural parable The Harvest.

She also beat Ireland's Colm Toibin, Indian-American writer Jhumpa Lahiri, Zimbabwe's NoViolet Bulawayo and B.C.-based author Ruth Ozeki.

Catton received her trophy, which comes with a 50,000-pound ($83,000) cheque, from Camilla, the Duchess of Cornwall, during a dinner ceremony at London's medieval Guildhall.

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One more reason to go for that popcorn at the movies

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'Oral interference', from chomping to chatting, blunts the power of promos, a new study finds

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Metro World News in London, U.K.

Eating popcorn makes you insensitive to advertising in cinemas, as "oral interference" disrupts our ability to learn brand names, claim researchers at the University of Cologne. Test groups who had been eating remembered nothing compared to a group who had not, said study author Dr. Sascha Topolinski, who enlightened us further.

Please explain this mysterious process.

The mouth automatically generates sub-vocal speech when we encounter novel names, which is how a brand embeds itself. But if you are eating something, your mouth cannot train with the word. In our case it was popcorn.

So if my mouth does the remembering, why am I so bad with names?

My last name is difficult so I understand, but people who are bad with names often are suffering interference. Try to keep your mouth free in future.

Can I ignore advertising everywhere by chewing at the right times?

It could work — say by chewing gum to avoid TV commercials and Internet banners. Our subjects quite enjoyed the cinema adverts without being able to remember anything about them.

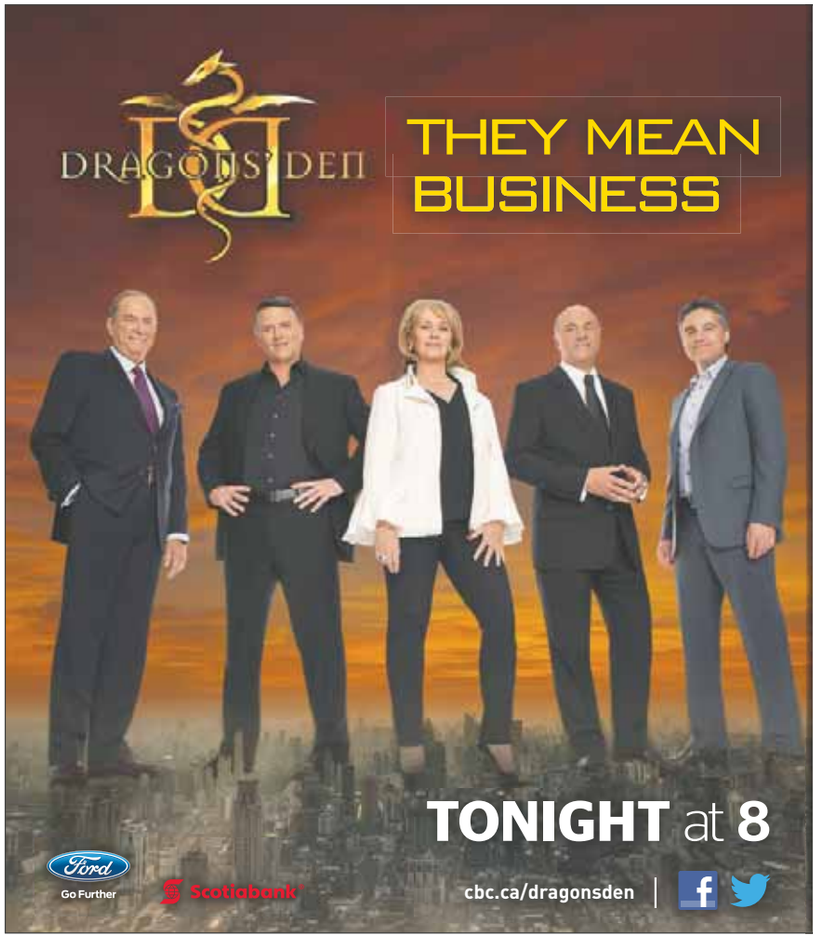
IMAGE: METRO WORLD NEWS

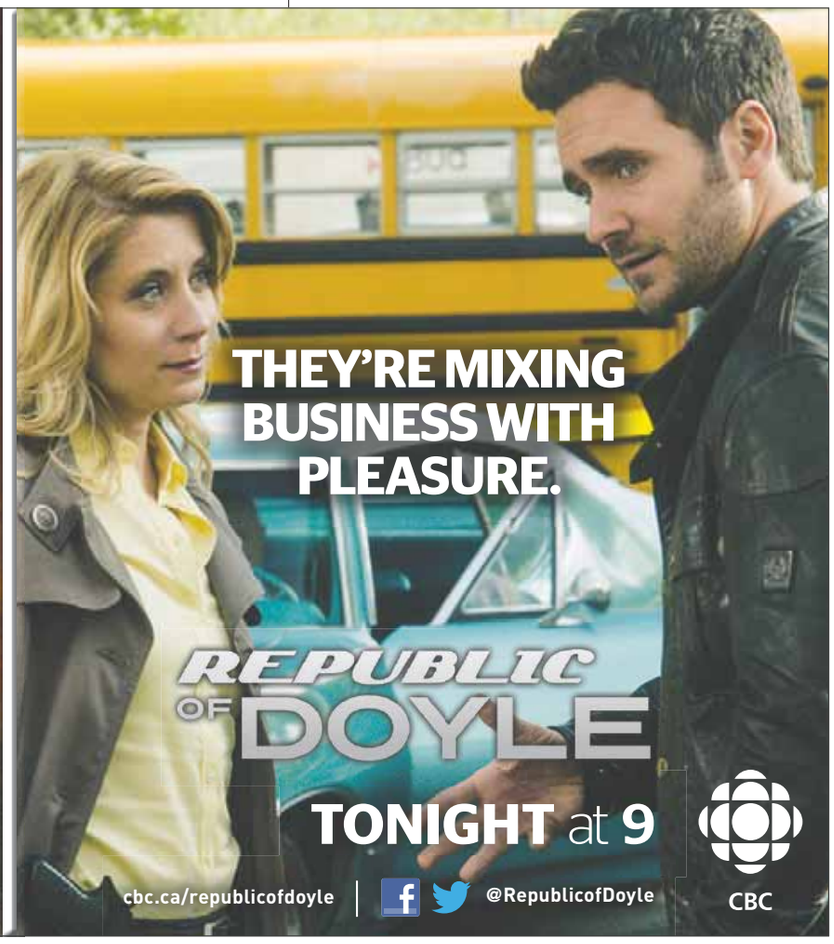
So it works with all foods?

Yes and by vocal interaction like chatting, even smoking a cigarette would have that effect.

Are you worried that advertisers might kill you?

Well, our research is only about new brands so Apple and Burger King are already in your brain. One solution could be that cinemas only sell snacks after the adverts. That would please everyone.





Like sardines in a can

Plane passengers feel the squeeze

It's not your imagination. There really is tighter quarters on many planes these days.

U.S. airlines are taking out old, bulky seats in favour of so-called slimline models that take up less space.

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Fraser Institute

Pipelines safer for workers: Report

A Fraser Institute report says pipeline is the safest way to transport oil for workers.

The study found rates of injury requiring hospitalization in the U.S. were 30 times lower among pipeline workers than rail workers involved in shipping oil.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

About time?

'Smart' watches start to gain steam

Sony says its new computerized wristwatch will sell for $200 in the U.S. and will work with a variety of Android phones.

Qualcomm Inc. plans to release a smartwatch, while Apple is believed to be developing an iWatch.

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Usual secrecy

New iPads likely to be unveiled soon

Apple is holding an event in San Francisco next week to announce new products — likely updated iPads.

The company announced its most recent iPads around this time last year.

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Still No. 2. Diet Coke sales fizzle as concerns over artificial sweetener pop up

Diet Coke is still popular, but lags behind regular Coke. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Diet Coke, America's No. 2 soda, may be losing some of its pop.

During a conference call with analysts Tuesday, a Coca-Cola executive noted that Diet Coke was "under a bit of pressure" because of people's concerns over its ingredients, alluding to the growing wariness of artificial sweeteners in recent years.

Steve Cahillane, who heads Coca-Cola's North American and Latin American business, noted that the issue wasn't specific to Diet Coke, but that many diet foods and drinks in the U.S. are facing the same concerns.

The drink remains the No. 2 soda in the U.S., but the company still sells twice as much regular Coke as Diet Coke.

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Market Minute

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Too much risk. U.K. bank set to cut ties with Somali money-transfer company

A British bank could soon be cutting a financial lifeline for millions of Somalis.

Barclays is poised to sever its ties to Dahabshiil, one of the Somali expatriate community's biggest money transfer services, as part of a larger reorganization of its business. Barring a successful last-minute court challenge, experts say the move will jeopardize 100 million pounds ($160 million US) worth of payments made from the U.K. each year.

Barclays' move, part of an industry-wide effort to insulate banks from the risks associated with money-laundering and corruption, could force Dahabshiil to stop executing transfers between individuals within days. A court ruling had been expected Tuesday but was delayed because arguments ran late. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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JUST SAYIN'

Mike Benhaim
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I am told there was a time when "flying the friendly skies" was a luxurious experience. That, of course, was before the skies became just a little less neighbourly.

Now, every time I travel, I have to head to the airport three hours early so that I have time to check my luggage, completely disrobe for security, have them confiscate half of my toiletries, then be told that my carry-on can't be carried on because I recklessly included a pair of tweezers, which nowadays, is tantamount to a weapon of mass destruction.

I then have to gather all of my personal belongings, get dressed all over again, wait in line to buy a$12 bottle of water, because apparently it's OK to have one, just not to carry your reasonably-priced one past the checkpoint. Then I head to the gate for boarding. Theoretically, it would be here that I could finally relax and enjoy the journey, only now I am starving and that bottle of water has made me require use of the facilities. Unfortunately, we are now under the strict regime of air transit regulations, meaning that first I have to undergo a training seminar on seat-belt fastening and proper employment of oxygen masks that we faithfully assume will reveal themselves in the event of a shift in cabin pressure. Then, once finally liberated from our shackles by a light and faint Pavlovian bell, I find myself behind every weak-bladdered and nervous-stomached traveller for a chance to approach the majestic lavatory. When I finally emerge, the refreshment cart has passed me by, which is just as well because, while they do sell food you don't want at prices it isn't worth, they no longer accept cash anyway. Only Visa and perhaps Amex, but as luck would have it, I only brought my MasterCard.

Now, I may be frustrated, hungry, and cranky, but I would never think to take it out on any of the flight crew. After all, they're just doing their job, and even if they weren't, any loss of composure could get me Tasered by an air marshal and/or put on the no-fly list, which in addition to complicating future travel, would really make it hard to get back home.

That said, I take comfort in the fact that the Security Authority's ever-growing roster of ordinances, while occasionally misguided, are intended toward the honourable purpose of keeping us all safe and sound. Then, just over a week ago, a nine-year-old kid with no ticket, no money, and no adult supervision manages to hop on a flight to Vegas.

Now, I find myself compelled to rethink.

Just sayin'.

Mike Benhaim is filling in for Paul Sullivan, who will return next week.

ZOOM

Artist toys with Chinese politician

RAY TANG/REX

Pixelated piece made of soldiers

At first glance, this picture looks like a pixelated portrait of Chinese Chairman Mao Zedong, but on closer inspection of Workers of the world, Unite!, by artist Joe Black, the image reveals thousands of hand-painted toy soldiers. Black refers to the juxtaposition of the singular and the collective as "Up close and far away."

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Mao's face is in pieces.
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hand-painted soldiers were used to create the portrait of Mao Zedong. The cost is $80,000 and the size is 240 by 180 centimetres.

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If the rise and consequent fall of the scrapbooking trend has your organized, creative side feeling unfulfilled, you'll be happy to hear the trend is back. Only this time it requires no pinking scissors and fewer jagged edges to clean up.

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For parents who want to keep all of their kids' drawings, report cards and scribbled art projects, Keepy lets you upload and annotate each keepsake — without cluttering up that storage space.

Comments

RE: Unpaid Interns: Toronto Students Scrub Hotel Toilets For Nothing, published Oct. 15

A Vancouver luxury hotel placed an ad seeking unpaid interns to bus tables last month, igniting public outcry. Now, several interns have complained they aren't gaining necessary experience performing menial jobs.

Her internship had nothing to do with her hopes and dreams to work in the hotel and hospitality industry.

When she one day applies for a career job, and puts down her experience as "I am great at changing sheets, cleaning toilets and disposing of used condoms," will that help?

What happened to her and many other interns is not right and it is not fair. The only hope she and many have is to suck it up and hope to make some kind of contact that can help them in the future.

But with four interns per year (one every three months), over two year period (assumed length of the program she is studying) how many interns is she now competing with?

And all are relying on the same contact or several contacts at the same place.

Let's say she is going to medical school and wants to be a surgeon, her internship would be equivalent to sitting at a receptionist desk and doing patient data entry. Calling patients, following up on surgeries, booking appointments, etc. After four years, you may be the best data entry clerk, but you can definitely not perform a surgery. At least I wouldn't let you touch me.

MrTENz posted to metronews.ca

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Taylor Swift. On the heels of a record-setting sixth songwriter-artist of the year award, star says her next album is taking a 'different turn'

Songwriting is the topic of the moment for Taylor Swift. The 23-year-old pop star was honoured for a record sixth time as songwriter-artist of the year by the Nashville Songwriters Association International, surpassing guys like Vince Gill and Alan Jackson. She earned the award with 14 hits in the top 30 over the last year, a tribute to the popularity of her fourth album, Red.

As Swift accepts the award, she's six months deep in the songwriting process for her next album. "I think the goal for the next album is to continue to change, and never change in the same way twice," the seven-time Grammy winner said.

"How do I write these figurative diary entries in ways that I've never written them before and to a sonic backdrop that I've never explored before? It's my fifth album, which is crazy to think about, but I think what I'm noticing about it so far is it's definitely taking a different turn than anything I've done before."

Swift sat down for an interview after the ribbon-cutting on the new $4-million US Taylor Swift Education Center at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum in her adopted hometown of Nashville.

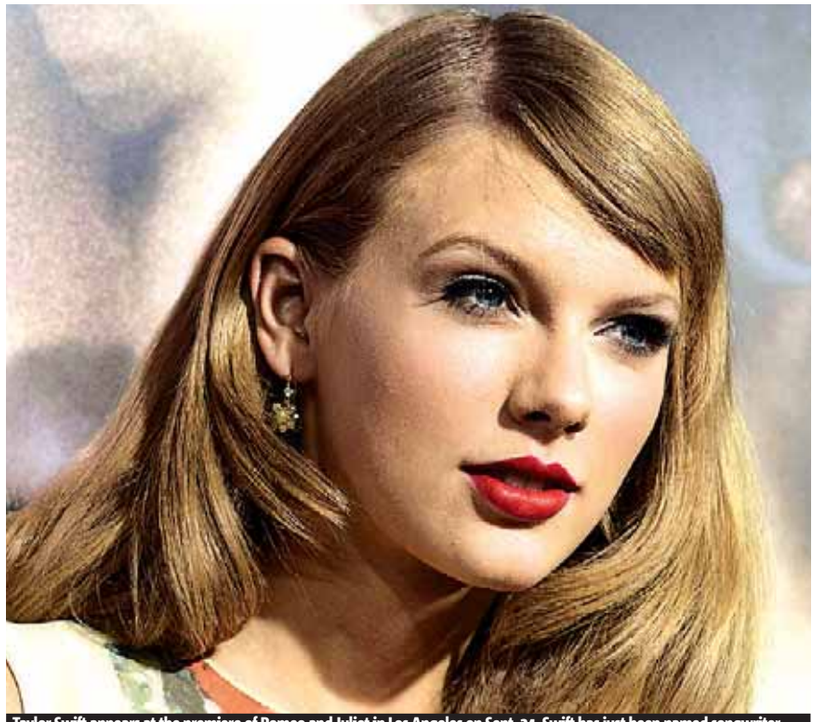
Next month you leave on a stadium tour of Australia, making you the first female solo performer to tour that country since Madonna 20 years ago. Madonna was the top pop star in the world at the time. Do you see yourself as that kind of pop star?

I would never see myself that way. I see myself as kind of this girl who writes songs in her bedroom. You can kind of dress it up all you want and you can put together an amazing theatrical production; you can become a better performer as time goes by, and you can try to excite people, but I'm always going to be a girl who writes songs in her bedroom in my own personal perception of myself.

You said recently you've been working on songs for the new album for about six months. What can you tell us about what you have planned?

It's too early to tell who are going to be my predominant collaborators, but I do know that my absolute dream collaborators were Shellback and Max Martin on the last project. I've never been so challenged as a songwriter. I've never learned so much. I've never just been so excited to show up to the studio every day, just because you never know what we're going to put together.

I'll bring in ideas and they'll take such a different turn than where I thought they were going to go, and that level of unexpected spontaneity is something that really thrills me in the process of making music. ... "What if we did this? What if we made it weirder? What if we took it darker?" I love people who have endless strange and exciting ideas about where music can go.



Taylor Swift appears at the premiere of Romeo and Juliet in Los Angeles on Sept. 24. Swift has just been named songwriter-artist of the year by the Nashville Songwriters Association International for a record-setting six times. She's also up for entertainer of the year at the CMAs on Nov. 6. If she wins, she'd be the first woman with three such titles. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

How far are you willing to push the boundaries of your sound?

I definitely think that with music my favourite thing about Nashville is that it's a music hub that accepts and allows all genres to be present, and I think there's been a kind of fusing of genres lately that for me makes me really happy and excited. I am blown away at getting six CMA nominations in a year that I pushed the boundaries of what a genre is more than ever before. I'm so happy that people understood what I was doing conceptually.

Getting those six CMA nominations to me signified that this community knew that I was not running from where I come from. I was exploring, and I think the more people who know what country music is, the more people will gravitate toward Nashville.

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Horror film. Soak in the wrath of the newest Carrie as the young woman lashes out at the society who tortured her

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This weekend actress Chloë Grace Moretz will recreate one of the most famous sequences from 1970s cinema.

Years after the release of the 1976 Brian De Palma-directed Carrie, the movie's impact was summed up by Esquire, who wrote, "Like any top-tier, truly unforgettable scene in cinema (it's) so well-known that you don't even have to see it to know it."

The image of the teen-aged Carrie (Sissy Spacek), the victim of a cruel practical joke, dressed in her best prom queen outfit, wide eyed as pig's blood covers her, dripping from the fake jewels on her tiara, has been referenced in everything from the sitcom Roseanne — daughter Darlene says the only way she would go to the prom is if she was the one sitting in the rafters with a bucket of pig's blood — to the X-Files, Mystery Science Theater 3000, Scream, Gilmore Girls and even Veronica Mars.

The gore soaked scene also provided the inspiration for a sequel called The Rage: Carrie 2. In this unintentionally funny B-movie Rachel (Emily Bergl) is another high-schooler with the ability to make objects fly and explode with her mind.

"Do not attempt to sit through this movie without a hefty supply of psycho-pharmaceutical drugs," warned one critic.

Marginally better was Carrie, a 2002 television film meant to serve as a pilot for a proposed series. But that involved making some sweeping changes to the plot, including having Carrie survive the high school carnage and final run-in with her unstable mother. Bad reviews and poor ratings doomed this to the DVD delete bins. From the screen to the stage, Carrie provided the source material for an ill-conceived 1988 Broadway musical and several spoofs, including Scarrie! The Musical and Carrie's Facts of Life, a mash-up of Stephen King's story and the sitcom The Facts of Life.

All singing, all dancing versions of Carrie's humiliation aside, the original film remains a horror touchstone, but don't expect the new remake to be a carbon copy.

"The script is totally different from the (original)," Moretz told ET Online. "It's more like the book. It's a more Black Swan version — it messes with your mind."

One thing is for sure. There will be blood — pig's blood.

Judy Greer, who plays Miss Desjardin in the new film, says the prom scene is "amazeballs," adding, "It's really totally jarring and creepy but also, in a strange way, gorgeous."

Pig's blood continues to have a dramatic impact on the Carrie movie experience. CONTRIBUTED

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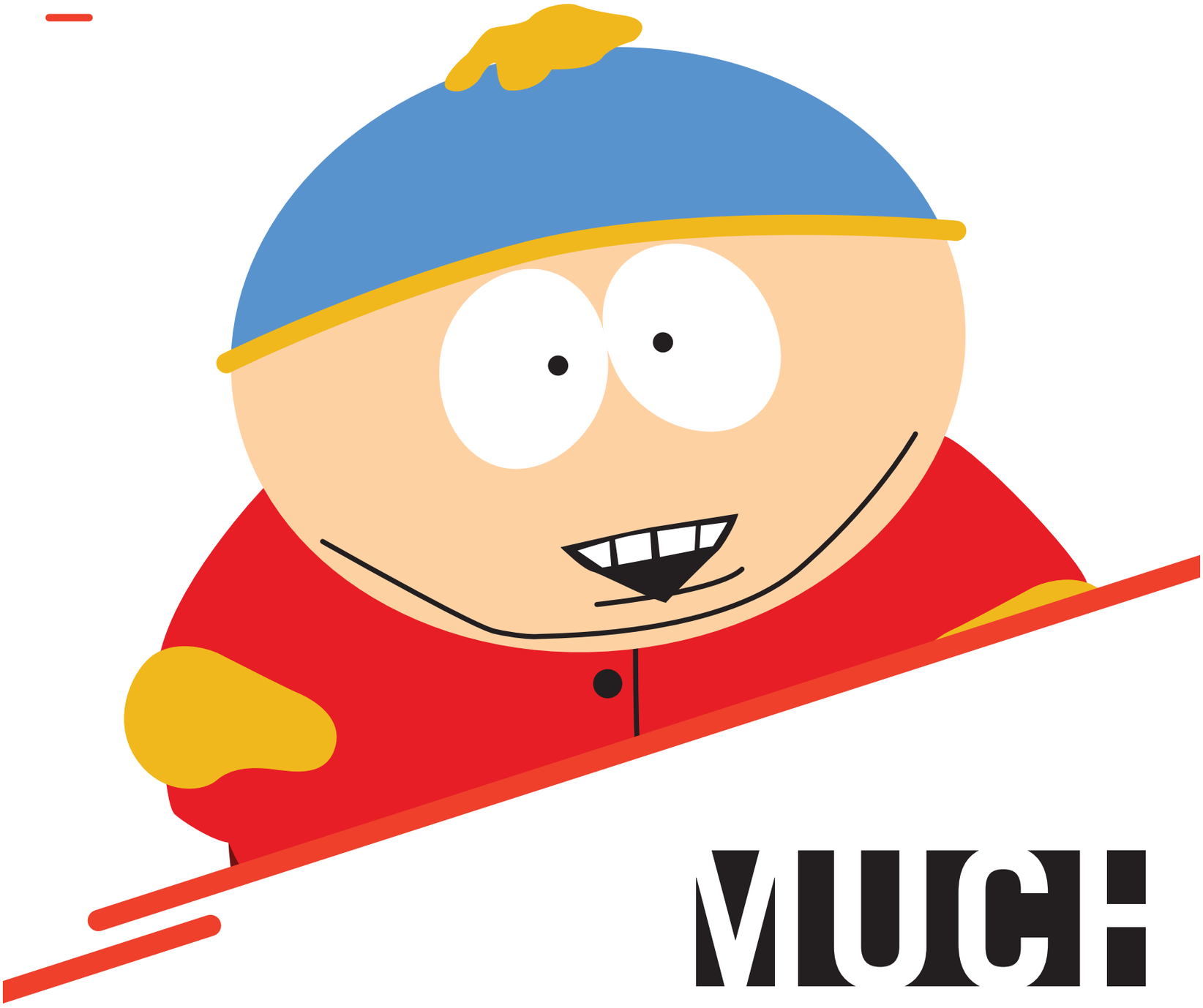

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Hearing New music has a familiar ring

Album. Paul McCartney has mastered the catchy tune but still lacks something of substance

Paul McCartney has received his first original material in six years.
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For his 16th solo record, and first original material in six years, Paul McCartney turned to a team of four hot producers to come up with something, ahem, New.

The result is both fresh and comfortably familiar. McCartney, a master of the catchy three-minute pop song, isn't reinventing himself here as the title may suggest. Rather, he's once again compiling an enjoyable 45 minutes or so of toe-tapping pop songs that are sure to please his longtime fans while doing little to break much truly new ground.

Just try listening to On My Way to Work or Queenie Eye without bobbing your head along to the beat. Really, love him or hate him, few can pump out these types of ditties quite like McCartney.

Still, he's no Bob Dylan.

There are flirtations with material with some gravitas here, but it's just that — a flirtation. McCartney may toy with addressing in song whatever demons he may have, but he certainly doesn't linger.

That said, the mere fact that McCartney is able to come up with something that isn't a simple retread of his past successes must be considered a success — especially when that would be the easy way out, and one that he's taken many times over his storied career.

Much of the credit for the success of New goes to McCartney's four producers — especially Paul Epworth (Adele) and Mark Ronson (Amy Winehouse). The other two, Giles Martin and Ethan Johns, are the sons of famous Beatles producers George Martin and Glyn Johns. While the multi-producer approach could have resulted in a hot mess, the end result is surprisingly cohesive, modern-sounding and, most of all, fun to listen to.

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New book. Bridget Jones returns

Time has dulled Bridget Jones.

It has also left her neither wiser, more relaxed nor comfortable with the person she's become and the people she counts as her friends.

That's both good and bad because in Helen Fielding's Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy, the British heroine — whose sense of self was so strong and so entertaining in the first two novels that it created an archetype of self-determination belaboring amusing bouts of self-confidence — is lost amid social media, parental responsibility and trying to impress the moms at school.

So how, now, is Bridget Jones at 51? Content in marriage to Mark Darcy? Happily ensconced in having quit smoking, raising two children and avoiding the trap of being a smug married woman?

Helen Fielding.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In a word, no. Darcy is dead and Bridget is a single mother to their two children, dating a man whose age is around half her own while her best mates find themselves vacillating between adult responsibility and living their lives as the unfettered and unbound twenty- and thirty-somethings they used to be.

It's been nearly 20 years since Bridget Jones's Diary was published in 1996, vaulting Fielding from freelance reporter to one of Britain's best-known and most popular writers. But it seems that fear of being a 51-year-old single parent raising two young children in the age of social media is too much for her. Fielding strives throughout the book to add relevance to her character's life and all of its foibles, mishaps and happy accidents without much luck.

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Golden Globes bring back the golden pair

Awards season. Tina Fey and Amy Poehler sign on for two more years of hosting the show after receiving critical acclaim

Get used to seeing these faces at the Golden Globes for the next couple years. CONTRIBUTED

The duo of Tina Fey and Amy Poehler proved such a success at hosting the Golden Globes in January that they've been signed up for the same job for the next two years.

NBC, the Hollywood Foreign Press Association and producers of the Golden Globes announced the unusual two-year commitment on Tuesday. Next year's Golden Globes will be held in Beverly Hills, Calif., on Jan. 12.

Allen Shapiro, CEO of Dick Clark Productions, said the former Saturday Night Live chums have "a truly unique chemistry, making them one of the most talented and captivating pairings of all time."

They were bathed in critical love for their performance this year, with The Associated Press critic Frazier Moore calling them "the night's biggest winners."

They got laughs without being polarizing, as was the case with predecessor Ricky Gervais. Poehler even poked fun during the show at the Hollywood debate over whether Gervais was too hard-edged in mocking Hollywood stars.

"We want to assure you that we have no intention of being edgy or offensive tonight," said Poehler, star of the NBC sitcom Parks and Recreation. "Because, as Ricky learned the hard way, when you run afoul of the Hollywood Foreign Press, they make you host this show two more times!"

Fey, whose NBC comedy 30 Rock ended this year, and Poehler were both nominated for best actress in a comedy or musical but lost to Lena Dunham, star of HBO's Girls.

More important than critical support, Fey and Poehler were good for business. The Golden Globes had their best ratings in six years for the most recent presentation, and were up 17 per cent over the 2012 show.

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"(They have) a truly unique chemistry, making them one of the most talented and captivating pairings of all time."
Allen Shapiro
CEO of Dick Clark Productions talking about Tina Fey and Amy Poehler

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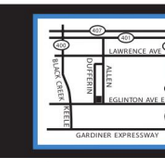

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Charlie Hunnam

He's an actor, but don't tell Charlie Hunnam to be someone he's not

Charlie Hunnam may have cited his hectic TV schedule as the reason he dropped out of Fifty Shades of Grey, but sources tell E! News the spotlight had a lot more to do with it.

"More than anything he hates attention, and being in Fifty Shades of Grey would force him to do lots of media," a source says. "Plus, he hates conforming and being told what to do. This role would force him to have to be something he is not." Now it turns out his former co-star, Dakota Johnson, may be having doubts about the high-profile film as well. "Dakota is having a very hard time dealing with all the press. When she first got the role, it was way too much for her," another source says. "It's been tough."

Gwyneth Paltrow. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Why Gwyneth should beware Vanity Fair

Gwyneth Paltrow should probably be bracing herself for a blockbuster take-down piece on her that Vanity Fair is planning to publish.

"We started a story on her. We have a very good writer and it'll run," the magazine's editor-in-chief, Graydon Carter, tells the Times of London. In fact, Paltrow apparently helped ensure the piece will go forward when she emailed friends and colleagues pleading with them to not cooperate with the article's author and never work with the magazine again. "She sort of forced my hand," Carter says.

Moving on

Seems Miley is sweet on the Rolling Stone heir

It looks like Miley Cyrus has gotten over her broken engagement to Liam Hemsworth pretty quickly, as the Wrecking Ball singer is reportedly smitten with Rolling Stone magazine heir Theo Wenner, according to Radar Online.

"She's definitely dating him," a source says. "Miley talks about how hot Theo is and how nice he's been to her. She's definitely completely in lust with him." Cyrus even reportedly made time for Wenner while launching her new album, Bangerz, in New York last week. "He didn't come to the release party, but she snuck out at one point and went and met him at the Plaza," the source says. "She said she's never met anyone as sweet as Theo."

Forget the tuna, get Kate some OJ

As pregnant Kate Winslet eases into her third trimester, she admits her cravings aren't living up to the stories she hears about other pregnancies.

"At the moment, I seem to be wanting orange juice a lot," she tells Us Weekly. "I don't know quite why that is, but it's not so weird. I wish I could tell you I had some weird craving. I wish I could be like that woman on the advert who loves tuna fish and banana, but I'm not like that at all."

Meanwhile, Winslet insists she's totally fine doing press for her next film, Labor Day, with her due date approaching. "Just don't let me sneeze," she warns, "because I might wet myself at the same time."

Kate Winslet

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Sleeping

The Soho Beach House, a few blocks north of South Beach, is cooler than the other side of the pillow on a winter camping trip in Yellowknife. There's a rooftop bar with perfectly weathered chairs, a sleek restaurant under the trees, a glam pool with striped blue and white cushions and it's right on Miami Beach. The lobby screams urban cool, and they also get cheeky with Cowshed toiletries that have names like Horny Cow and Knackered Cow. Uptown in Sunny Isles, not far from the shops of Aventura Mall, is Sole on the Ocean, which has a Miami Vice meets Brazil and Russia vibe, thanks to the shoppers who flock here. The bar is modern and glassy and they have a cozy pool and nice cabanas. Rooms go from around $325 a night at the Soho Beach House in October, while you can grab Sole for $216 a night and up.

Dining

Just steps from trendy Lincoln Road on Lenox Avenue, Yardbird is a gem for southern food. There's a nice patio, and inside you'll find a warm decor with an open kitchen and chalkboard signs that extol the virtues of bacon. The fried chicken is moist and tender and served on superbly fluffy biscuits with honey and sweet pepper jelly. The kale salad comes with shaved cheddar, apples, onion and "moonshine soaked" raisins. Back up in Sunny Isles, Timo has a wood oven for pizza and does a flavourful fennel and arugula salad with oranges, figs and a pistachio vinaigrette. The pastry chef makes an incredible genoise cheese flan topped with vanilla ice cream and toasted coconut in a pool of salted caramel with a chocolate drizzle. The News Café in South Beach (open 24 hours) is a great spot for lunch or breakfast and has two-for-one happy hours Monday to Friday from 4 to 7 p.m.

Drinking

The Clevelander Hotel is a 1938 Art Deco beauty that spouts loud music more or less all day, with dancing girls gyrating inches from the sidewalk. It's said to be the highest-grossing bar in Florida. At Soho Beach House opt for the Picante de la Casa, with tequila, lime, cilantro and agave, topped with a red chile pepper for a smoky kick. Yardbird has bourbons you might never see in Canada.

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The end of the world as we know it

Patagonia. There are few places as rugged and remote as the southern tip of South America

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Patagonia's views remain unspoiled and picture perfect. PHOTOS: MELITA KUBURAS

Like most trips to Chilean Patagonia, this one begins in the port city of Punta Arenas. On this night in early September, the sun has set above this charming town located on the Strait of Magellan, and Venus is adding a twinkle at the bottom of the crescent moon. It's fitting that, when standing at the bottom of the earth, even the most familiar icon in the sky looks different.

Because it's so well connected by air and sea, Punta Arenas is a convenient jumping off point for travellers to Patagonia or Antarctica. Immigrants helped build this city. Their humble roots are even embedded in the architecture — the siding on houses shows pieced-together sheets, which once were metal boxes used to transport tea along the region's famed waterways. Roofs are painted in bright colours, another tradition that began with the use of scraps discarded by ships.

La Marmita restaurant offers the perfect introduction to traditional, locally sourced fare. Housed in a green building with a storefront sign that's reminiscent of Chilean muralists who defied former dictator Augusto Pinochet, La Marmita chefs present seafood specialties like shellfish, eel and crab.

Guanaco tenderloin is on the menu as a main course — a protected animal in Chile, but hunting of it is allowed in certain seasons to prevent over-population. Calafate berries are used in dipping sauces, desserts and even as a bloody-red twist on the Chilean national cocktail, pisco sour.

Between two oceans

The scenery along our Australis cruise is so raw and seemingly untouched — is this what Ferdinand Magellan saw when he first sailed this route to the Pacific? The snow-topped Andes dwarf the ship — a luxury liner that impressively navigates through fjords and narrow passages of the Canal de las Montanas. But unlike the Portuguese explorer's Victoria — a replica of which is shored in Punta Arenas, where we embarked — this ship is a pleasure to seek shelter in.

Wind-worn and well-fed, at night we hit the bar on the top deck, dancing salsa and merengue in our hiking boots. On the first night we sail through a snowstorm; on the second we anchor down for a rest in complete darkness, resting between two oceans.

Part of the Australis itinerary is to make stops along the little islands that shatter away from the mainland. We don our warmest clothes — snow pants and down coat for this Canadian — and pile into zodiacs that take us to the hulking Glacier Bernal.

Cinched between mountains and stretching above the turquoise lake bed, the bright blue spots of the glacier reveal themselves in honeycomb-like cracks. After the hike, the cruise staff serve whiskey and hot chocolate to warm us up before the boat ride back.

Wet 'n' wild

Visiting in September meant missing one of southern Chile's most famous sights — the Magellanic penguin. Tens of thousands of them come here to breed in the Chilean spring and summer, from October to March. But while I was just a step ahead of the happy feet, the thrill of seeing wildlife in its natural habitat did not escape me. It's part of what makes visiting Patagonia such an authentic experience.

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I saw condors circling the skies; groups of great cormorant chilling near the shores; a black dolphin — which the Chileans call the tunina dolphin — hopping along with our cruise ship; pink flamingos and black-neck swans resting in the lakes; and of course, the alpacas, aloof but adorable, munching on the grass. On our way to Torres Del Paine, we stop at the Amarga Lagoon to take pictures of the Cordillera mountains jutting out in the distance, when Costa, our very observant bus driver, points out puma paw prints, about the size of a human hand, nearly trampled by our own recently made footprints.

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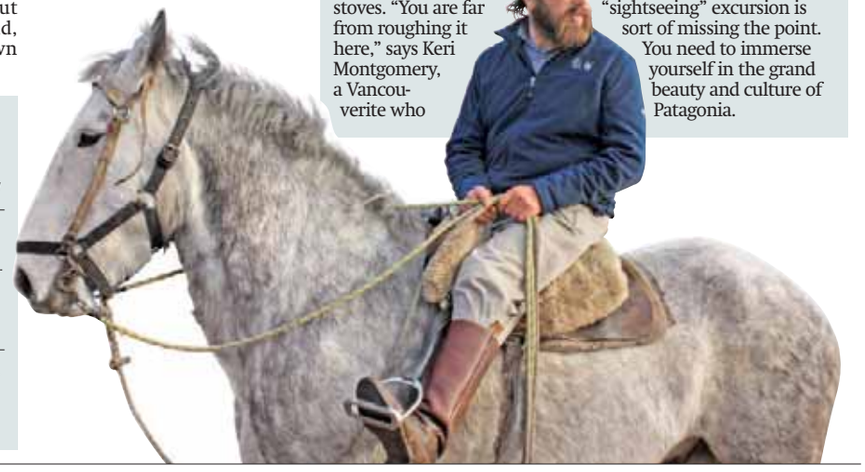
Home, sweet home (on the range)

Chileans are very generous, and nowhere is it more evident than on a family ranch. At the south border of the Torres Del Paine National Park is a ranch called Cabanas del Paine, with rooms that overlook the Serrano River and the mountain towers. The owners welcome visitors with a lamb roasting on a fire a pit — its rib cage split wide open. More meat is barbecuing on the grill inside, as is fresh salmon, served with homemade salsa and empanadas.



The great outdoors

Camp it or glamp it?

Torres Del Paine National Park is dotted with ranches and campsites, so it's possible to take in the outdoors during the day while sleeping in comfy, warm beds at night. On the eastern side of the park is EcoCamp, a collection of igloo-type domes that have ceiling windows and are kept warm with wood stoves. "You are far from roughing it here," says Keri Montgomery, a Vancouverite who earlier in the trip told me she doesn't like it when the term "eco" is thrown around carelessly. But she's impressed. EcoCamp takes their environmentally-friendly title seriously, with composting toilets, electricity generated by a small hydro-turbine and solar panels for hot water, she says.

Whether you choose to camp it or glamp it in the park, it's best to stay for at least a few days. Visiting Torres Del Paine as a day "sightseeing" excursion is sort of missing the point. You need to immerse yourself in the grand beauty and culture of Patagonia.

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Tahiti has a magical, mysterious atmosphere that is unlike any island destination in the world. Its haunting beauty has you hearing Bali Ha'i in the breeze, while being mesmerized by the dramatic scenery that suggests you are visiting Jurassic Park.

Tourism hasn't spoiled this destination because it can be expensive to stay on land. So the best and most affordable way to see these intoxicating islands is on a cruise. With some cruise lines offering half-price cruises and free airfare from Los Angeles, this dream trip is more affordable than ever.

PG Cruises' Paul Gaugin ship offers an unparalleled experience. The ship is specifically designed for Tahiti's shallow, secluded lagoons. It recently underwent a $6-million enhancement and is rated five stars.

Service on board is excellent because there are 225 crew members to 332 passengers. This high staff-to-passenger ratio means waiters will know your name and favourite drink by the second day. The food is sumptuous thanks to chef Jean-Pierre Vigato's talent. You will enjoy meals similar to what's served in Apicius, his two-star Michelin-rated restaurant in Paris.

Enjoy dining on board because on land even the most casual restaurant charges $15 for a cheeseburger. A cocktail at Bloody Mary's, the famous celebrity haunt on Bora Bora, is about $10. Since so much is imported from New Zealand, costs are high everywhere.

You won't have to shell out cash to rent water sports equipment on land either. Just use the ship's kayaks, windsurfers, banana boats and snorkel equipment from the drop-down marina that opens up at the stern.

Each island offers an unforgettable wow factor. Huahine is made up of two dramatic mountain ranges. It used to be the centre of Polynesian culture so has many rich archeological sites such as ceremonial temples. Also fascinating are the sacred eels. They have bright blue eyes and grow up to six feet long. They are harmless so you can wade into the water and feed them.

Fakarava is the second largest atoll and the ancient capital is filled with numerous unexplored motus (islets). Protected by UNESCO, Fakarava is proud of its rare crustaceans such as squills and sea cicadas. Visit a pearl farm on the water, snorkel around the hut and you will appreciate this island as a mecca for underwater beauty.

Bora Bora's famous Mount Otemanu, remnants of an extinct volcano, is a symbol of Tahiti for its dramatic peak. Its velvet green slopes drop steeply to the blue lagoon below. Hike or bike around this lush island, or enjoy a multitude of water activities to keep cool.

Taha'a is often called the Vanilla Island for its numerous plantations of what Tahitians call black gold. On this island, PG chefs prepare a delicious barbecue on the beach and offer drinks from a floating bar.

Explore Moorea by jeep and you will see pineapple, vanilla, banana and grapefruit plantations, visit ancient stone temples and stop at the Belvedere lookout to see Cook's Bay. You can also feed stingrays in the shallow water at Motu Ono.

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Simple swaps take hummus from the Middle East to Italy

This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

What would happen if hummus had been invented in Italy, rather than the Middle East?

Answer the question with this simple reimagining of the classic chickpea purée.

It's not as discordant as you might think. Many of the same flavour profiles can be found across both Italian and Middle Eastern cuisines.

Which makes sense, given relative geographic proximity. Even the ingredients and technique have common ground.

Italians make generous use of chickpeas and lemons — both essential to classic hummus. Though in the case of chickpeas, Italians tend to use them more often in soups and pastas than in spreads.

And when they do make spreads, they often reach for other beans, such as favas. While traditional hummus relies on tahini (ground sesame seeds) to add richness, Italians probably would be more inclined to reach for pine nuts.

So with those substitutions in mind, this delicious Italian-style hummus is topped with diced tomatoes spiked with balsamic vinegar.

1. In a food processor, combine the beans, half of the garlic, pine nuts, lemon zest and juice, and 1 tablespoon of the rosemary. Process until chunky smooth.

2. With the processor running, drizzle in the olive oil until the hummus reaches a smooth, silky texture. Taste, then season with salt and pepper, and set aside.

3. In a bowl, toss together the tomatoes, the remaining 1 teaspoon of rosemary and the remaining garlic. Taste, then season with salt and pepper.

4. Spoon the hummus into a wide, shallow bowl, using the back of the spoon to form a cavity at the centre.

5. Spoon tomatoes into the cavity in the hummus. Drizzle olive oil over the tomatoes and hummus, then sprinkle with a few drops of balsamic vinegar.

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Ingredients

- 15-oz can cannellini or other white beans, drained and rinsed
- 6 cloves garlic, minced, divided
- 1/2 cup pine nuts
- Zest and juice of 1 lemon
- 1 tbsp plus 1 tsp chopped fresh rosemary
- 1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil, plus extra
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 1 large tomato, diced
- Balsamic vinegar

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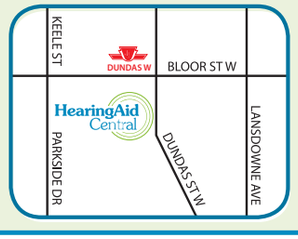

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Have you got a brain for bucks? For a career that actually makes cents, consider becoming a financial consultant

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The finance industry is booming and in 2011 the Canadian banking system was named the soundest in the world. An expansion in industrial development means that there is a steady demand for financial services.

In fact, more than $300 billion worth of private sector industrial projects have been announced in Canada for the current decade. These projects will without question require financial services and you could be a part of the company or group that takes this on.

What is a financial consultant?

In an eggshell, a financial consultant gives management advice to people when it comes to matters of money.

A financial consultant will be hired for guidance if a client needs help reaching long-term financial goals, debt management guidance or advice for investments.

Financial consultants can also be employed by businesses to make sure that business plans make financial sense or to deal with financial challges or budgeting.

Companies might also hire a financial consultant to answer questions about employee benefits and retirement plans.

What are the best parts of the job?

A big advantage of becoming a financial consultant is having the opportunity to run your own business while being supported by a highly recognized and prestigious company.

You have the freedom to choose to specialize in insurance, mortgages, taxation, investments and more. You're also able to explore your entrepreneurial spirit and down the line there is the potential to receive great pay.

It's good to know that at most financial consulting firms, the job pays solely commission in the first few years.

However, later on you can also receive a "trailer," which grows every year along with your client base.

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Are you going to the career fair?

Walking down the aisle of employment. Tips for individuals on how to approach a mass job hunt

Whether they're held in malls, on campuses or in convention centres, career fairs offer a one-stop shop for job seekers to connect with multiple recruiters under one roof.

Yet with the prospect of meeting dozens of employers, some may be unsure how to tailor their typical approach within a large-scale setting.

How can individuals prepare for career fairs and distinguish themselves among a crowded crop of equally eager job-seekers? Here are a few tips.

Determine the motivation for attending

It seems obvious and inherent in the event title: job fairs are for landing jobs, right? Well, not necessarily for everyone — or at least not initially.

Patsy Valenzuela is the supervisor of career and employment development at Mount Royal University in Calgary. The school organizes smaller, program-specific networking events during the year in addition to a campus-wide fair in March for students seeking summer, full-time and graduate-level employment.

While securing a job may be the ultimate goal, Valenzuela said some people may have other motivations for attending fairs at first, like trying to gather more information about a particular company or their field of interest.

"It could be more of an exploration — you just want to build some contacts, or for some people, you just want to practise some interview skills and meeting people," she said. "That's a really great way to do that because it's a safe environment where you can practise networking and introducing yourself and all of those techniques.

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Eyes on the prize

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Do your research

Readying for job fairs should be a similar process to gearing up for an interview — which includes coming dressed to impress, noted Eric Boutie, founding president of National Career Event, which organizes job fairs.

"Preparation is key to participation in the fair, because you have to check before you come what kind of exhibitors are on site, and what kind of positions are open from the different companies. You have to research before coming," said Boutie, whose organization will host four career fairs at the Montreal Congress Centre on Wednesday and Thursday and a virtual student fair beginning next January.

Boutie said the feedback he receives from recruiters stresses the importance of both a candidate's technical background or qualifications as well as his or her attitude to help ensure a good fit between the company philosophy and the character and competence of the job seeker.

While career experts generally recommend tailoring each cover letter and resumé for individual applications, that can be more challenging when meeting with multiple prospective employers simultaneously. Valenzuela said it's a good idea to bring copies of your resumé that are industry-specific rather than job-specific.

"The reality is, though, a lot of employers may not be collecting resumés at the time. So another strategy is to have a conversation (about): 'How can I follow up with you to discuss this position? Where can I submit my resumé? What's the best way to do it?'

"To actually find out what they're looking for - that's the whole point of having that conversation. Getting a business card, getting a website and then following up and applying later," she added.

"You don't always have to apply on the spot, especially if you've found out about something that's relevant that your resumé doesn't match it exactly."

Keep your ears open

Busy exhibitor booths can leave individuals idling as they wait to speak with designated representatives. But Valenzuela said the time spent queuing up for a chance to chat can still be put to effective use.

"There's a lot to be said for listening and watching as well. There's a lot of times where there's lineups and you definitely don't want to interrupt, but you might get a lot out of the information coming out of those conversations — information you can use," she said.

"Definitely take notes because the fairs are busy. There's so many people, so many conversations, you might not remember who you spoke to or what information you learned. So it's going to be really important to take notes and to follow up on some of those pieces of information that you've gathered. And for some of it, it might just be a lead or somebody's name."

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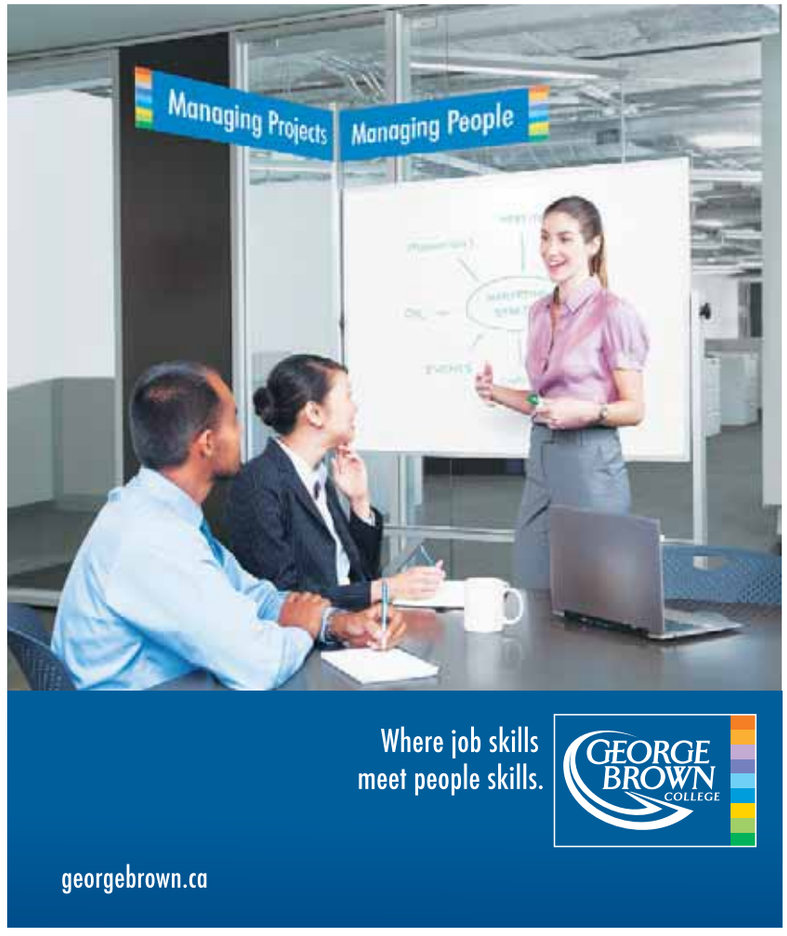

Being aware of the exhibitors on hand and jobs available — which will likely be posted in advance — can help potential applicants better focus their efforts. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Remember me?

Follow through with the followup.

- So, you've survived the job fair, but the work is not over, especially if you're still keen on applying for a position.
- When looking to reconnect with recruiters, Valenzuela suggested the possibility of sending a thank you note following the fair. Another option when submitting a cover letter with your formal application is to refer back to the date of the initial meeting.
- "It's important for people to know there are so many strategies that you can use, but you have to evaluate each time, 'What's going to be the best strategy for me to use in this case with this employer with this company?"'

Can that something up your sleeve impede your ability to succeed?

A bold personal brand. Students and grads speak up on tattoos in the workplace

MEGHAN GREAVES
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The influx of millennials into the workforce and the potential for age gaps between coworkers can result in mixed opinions on what is considered appropriate office wear.

Gen Y is often viewed as having a more casual approach to office appearance. That's not to say all millennials want to wear their sweatpants to work. It just means that younger hires are perceived to have open minds when it comes to what is acceptable in the office.

Kim Holt recently graduated from McMaster University and entered the workforce with tattoos.

Here's what Holt had to say about how tattoos can work both ways for your career.

Did you think about the effect your tattoos might have on your career?

I 100 per cent thought about how my tattoos might affect my career before I got them. However, aside from my tattoos, I have always been a creative and eccentric person. I knew from a very young age that when I grew up I was going to be in a field that thrived on creativity and originality.

Has having tattoos ever hindered your career or education?

Yes and no — having tattoos has yet to hinder my education. Many universities these days pride themselves on their acceptance of diversity. My tattoos have yet to impact my career.

Have you had to adjust your clothing at times to avoid a potential employer seeing them or felt stereotyped by an employer for having tattoos?

Where I currently work, I have never been made to feel like I cannot show my tattoos. However, when I first interviewed for the job I did dress appropriately and professionally. I think that no matter what kind of job you are interviewing for (whether you are allowed to show your tattoos or not), dressing formal is simply a sign of respect. It shows the potential employer that this is something you thought about, you have come prepared, and you took yourself out of your everyday life and into the world of employment. I have interviewed for many casual and formal attire jobs and I never let the day-to-day attire influence my interview wear.

If you could give one piece of advice to job seekers who are considering getting tattoos, what would it be?

Tattoos are a small part of a big picture. We can't predict the future but if an individual thinks that a tattoo is going to make them happy, then do it. Who is to say what we will regret in the future and what we won't? The only person who can control your happiness is yourself, and every person has their own way of fulfilling their happiness and self-expression and for me one of those ways just happens to be tattoos.

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Maple Leafs goaltender James Reimer makes a save on Minnesota Wild right-winger Nino Niederreiter as defenceman Dion Phaneuf tries to help during first-period action in Toronto on Tuesday. Outshot badly, the Leafs managed to generate some opportunistic offence in a 4-1 victory at Air Canada Centre, their third straight. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

More serious charges could be laid in two-year-old's death

Adrian Peterson's son. Tyrese Robert Ruffin died on Friday

Prosecutors expect to ask a grand jury to consider more serious charges in the death of the two-year-old son of Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson.

Tom Wollman, Lincoln County state's attorney, said Tuesday he'll review the recently completed autopsy findings and other reports before looking at any new charges against Joseph Robert Patterson, 27.

"We'll seek a grand jury review in the near future," Wollman said.

Sioux Falls police identified the boy Tuesday as Tyrese Robert Ruffin, who died Friday after being hospitalized with severe head injuries. Earlier Tuesday, they'd given an incorrect surname.

Patterson, the boyfriend of Tyrese's mother, was charged last week with aggravated assault and aggravated battery and is being held on a $750,000 cash bond. A message left for Patterson's attorney Tuesday was not returned, and Patterson's mother said she didn't want to comment.

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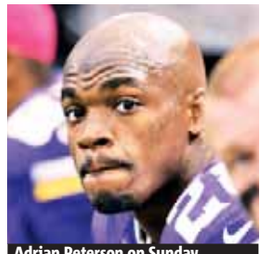

Adrian Peterson on Sunday

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Aaron Hernandez case

Fiancée pleads not guilty to perjury

The girlfriend of former New England Patriot Aaron Hernandez pleaded not guilty Tuesday to a perjury charge for allegedly lying to a Massachusetts grand jury, including about disposing of evidence in the murder case against him.

Shayanna Jenkins was released on personal recognizance during her arraignment in Fall River Superior Court on a single perjury count.

In August, Jenkins lied to the grand jury hearing evidence in the case, including about where she threw out a box Hernandez asked her to "get rid of" in the aftermath of Odin Lloyd's killing, Bristol County Assistant District Attorney Patrick Bomberg said.

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Soccer

Balotelli tweets could force ban

Mario Balotelli's latest tweets could cause a social-media ban for team Italy at next year's World Cup.

Balotelli took issue with an Italian article that said he would be the face of Italy's battle against the Camorra when the Azzurri trained on Monday with a club that was stripped of organized crime ties.

A tweet from Balotelli said, "That's what you say! I'm coming because football is great and everyone should play it where they want to and then there's the match!!!!"

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Prince Fielder strikes out to end the eighth inning during Game 3 of the American League championship series against the Red Sox Tuesday in Detroit. CHARLIE RIEDEL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Red Sox hurlers lights-out against Tigers sluggers

MLB playoffs. Lackey outduels Verlander as Napoli's homer accounts for only run

Game 3

Red Sox	Tigers
1	0

John Lackey edged Justin Verlander in the latest duel of these pitching-rich playoffs, and Boston's bullpen shut down Detroit's big boppers with the game on the line to lift the Red Sox over the Tigers 1-0 Tuesday for a 2-1 lead in the AL championship series.

Mike Napoli homered off Verlander in the seventh inning, and Detroit's best chance to rally fell short in the eighth when Miguel Cabrera and Prince Fielder struck out with runners at the corners.

Despite three straight gems by their starters, the Tigers suddenly trail in a best-of-seven series they seemed to have complete control of only two days ago. Game 4 is Wednesday night in Detroit, with Jake Peavy scheduled to start for the Red Sox against Doug Fister.

Lackey allowed four hits in 6 2/3 innings, striking out eight in a game that was delayed 17 minutes in the second inning because lights on the stadium towers went out.

It was the second 1-0 game in this matchup between the highest-scoring teams in the majors. That's been the theme throughout these playoffs, which have included four 1-0 scores and seven shutouts in the first 26 games.

After rallying from a five-run deficit to even the series in Game 2, Boston came away with a win in Detroit against one of the game's best pitchers. The Tigers had a chance for their own comeback in the eighth when Austin Jackson drew a one-out walk and Torii Hunter followed with a single.

But Cabrera never looked comfortable against Junichi Tazawa, chasing an outside pitch for strike three, and Fielder was even more overmatched against Koji Uehara, striking out on three pitches.

Uehara also pitched the ninth for a save.

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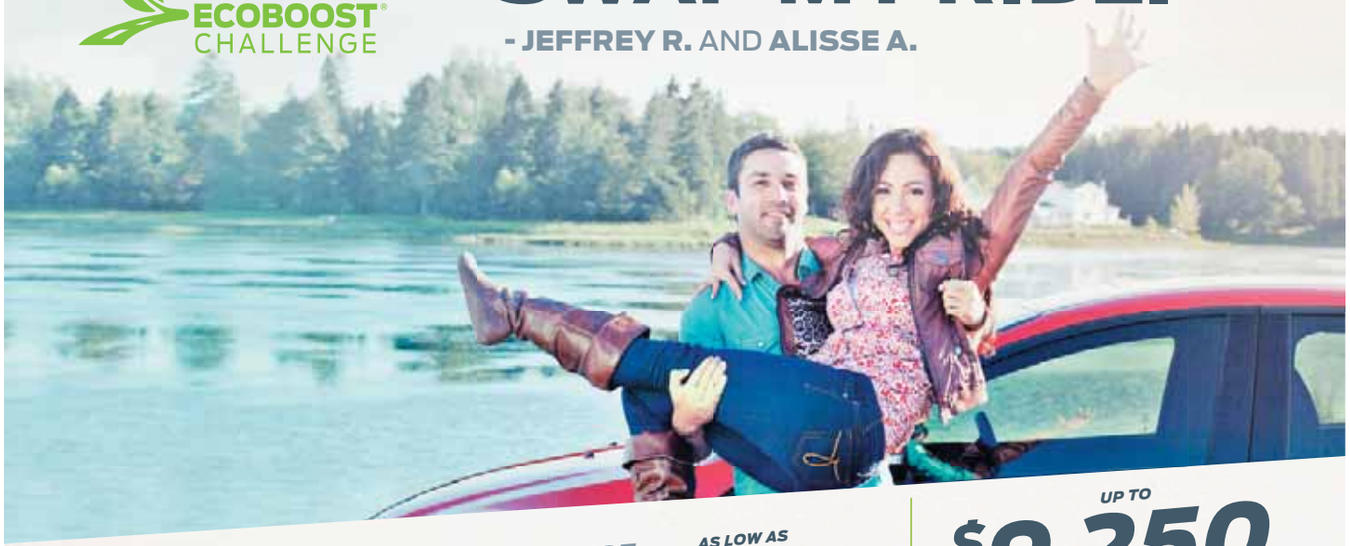

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The 2014 Ford Tremor

Review. Sandwiched between the long-gone SVT Lightning and the off-road SVT Raptor, the new Tremor may be the best of both worlds

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Move over SVT Raptor because the Ford Tremor sport truck wants a piece of the action.

But instead of muscling its way into the specialty truck category, the more modestly powered and sized pickup aims to win friends with on-road street smarts — and not just off-road ability — as well as livable fuel efficiency.

Pickup trucks are as much about style and image as passenger cars. In fact the convergence of the two automotive genres over the past few decades has been quite remarkable. Originally little more than a bench seat and a box, the once humble pickup can now be found clothed in fancy sheetmetal, gussied up in the finest of interior trim and accessories and revved up with enough horsepower to plant you in your seat.

Ford's F-150-based Raptor that's now entering its fourth year of production has been a surprise hit at a time when all other pickup makers — Ford included — have been trying their best to reduce their truck's appetite for fuel. But whereas the Raptor's image is as a dune-bashing desert rat, the Tremor takes a different approach. It's very much a street truck, just like the 2000-2004 SVT Lightning, packaged up with equipment and accessories that collectively give it a unique flavour.

It's also only available as a short-wheelbase, regular-cab model fitted with the shortest available box. The result is not as useful as an extended-cab F-150 or a four-door crew cab, but it makes the Tremor lighter on its feet and in a way that actually seems more purpose-built, just like the short-box, regular-cab Lightning of old.

To give the Tremor its solid-citizen demeanor, Ford opted not to take the V8 route (the Lightning had a supercharged 5.4-litre unit) and instead installed a twin-turbocharged 3.5-litre V6 that produces 365 horsepower and 420 pound-feet of torque at 2,500 r.p.m.

Those aren't exactly weak-kneed stats — they're about the same as the Lightning, actually — and they clearly indicate that the "EcoBoost" V6 will give a good accounting of itself from a standing start, especially with the 4.10:1 rear-axle gear. The powertrain can be optioned with an electronic locking rear differential that reduces wheel slippage, especially when accelerating from a dead stop.

The Tremor also dominates the much larger and heavier SVT Raptor's 16.5/11.0 fuel economy.

Also looking good is the Tremor's interior, where Ford has tossed out the regular cab's standard cloth-covered bench seat and installed twin buckets covered in tasteful leather with faux suede inserts and contrasting piping. In addition, there's an industrial-looking floor shifter integrated with a generously sized console.

Included as standard is MyFordTouch communications and infotainment system (run by a touchscreen).

With a guesstimated starting price in the mid-$40,000 range, including destination charges (about $15,000 shy of the SVT Raptor), the well-equipped Tremor is a pretty appealing vehicle that just might catch on with pickup buyers looking for some show and go, as opposed to owning a straight-up work truck.

Compare

1 Chevrolet Silverado
Base price: $27,200

2 Ram 1500
Base price: $28,700

2014 Ford Tremor

- **Type.** Four-door, rear- /four-wheel-drive full-size pickup
- **Engines (hp).** 3.5-litre DOHC V6, turbocharged (365)
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed automatic
- **Base price (incl. destination)** $45,000

Fuel Economy

The rear-wheel-drive Tremor should deliver in the neighbourhood of 13 l/100 km city and 9.3 l/100 km highway. Those unofficial estimates will suffer a bit with optional four-wheel-drive and will likely take a real beating in the hands of buyers who actually drive the Tremor the way it's intended.

Design

The Tremor's distinguishing exterior features begin with an appearance package that includes a blacked-out grille insert, darkened headlight and taillight covers, chromed exhaust tip and black 20-inch wheels with Pirelli Scorpion tires.

The minivan's evolution in America

Autoknow. If a Swiss Army knife could have four tires, fake wood trim and be related to the K-car ...

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It's not very often that the right vehicle comes along at the right time, but when it does, it can be magic — although not necessarily a thing of beauty. Obviously.

The minivan was not a new concept (as Volkswagen would likely argue), but in North America, Chrysler was able to popularize the idea as a then-modern interpretation/evolution of a glorious piece of solid-gold Americana, even if the result looked like a garden shed with a sliding side door.

Previous to this, the "woodie" wagon class of vehicles (models were available from numerous automakers over the years) became a symbol of freedom and adventure through the 1950s. With their stunning real-wood exterior trim pieces, they might have actually been a bit extravagant for the average family, but the bar had been set.

When craftsmanship and style lost out to the 1970s — and the 1980s — boxy station wagons sported fake wood and decals to carry on the theme of the traditional woodie wagon, however watered down. Even the Brady Bunch packed the whole gang of nine into Carol's 1971 Plymouth Satellite woodie and headed to the Grand Canyon.

But evolution was way overdue when it came to family friendly transportation, and Chrysler Chairman Lee Iacocca had the perfect answer: the minivan.

Taller than a station wagon, smaller than a cargo van, and way more comfortable than either, the minivan blended the smooth handling of front-wheel-drive with the fuel efficiency of a regular car.

User-friendly sliding doors, plenty of cargo space, easy drivability and kid-friendly seating became the hallmark traits of the minivan, and the reason we recognize this unique piece of Americana as it celebrates its 30th birthday. On Nov. 2, 1983, in Windsor, Ont., production began on the first model of Iacocca's brainchild, and a new generation of family transportation was born, right alongside the soccer mom.

If you were alive in the 1980s and you weren't at some point ferried around in one of these little league taxis, you never lived. Well, that might be going a little too far. The minivan has been the butt of many jokes over the last three decades. You have seen the stickers in the back window, right? Well, "thank you for informing me that you have a stick-figure family of six plus dog and a cat and whatever that thing is at the end. Good thing, because your minivan had me under the impression that you were wild and single."

That's just one.

The simple K-car platform spawned a variety of vehicles other than the minivan. The hideous fake wood stickers were just that: hideous and stickers.

If the Brady Bunch did it...

Even the Brady Bunch packed the whole gang of nine into Carol's 1971 Plymouth Satellite woodie and headed to the Grand Canyon.

Minivan vision, giantlike idea

The minivan concept was not necessarily a new idea. In fact, while Iacocca was working as an executive at Ford Motor Company, he pitched the idea of a smaller, front-wheel-drive van to Henry Ford II, but was shot down in flames. Iacocca moved on and got the last laugh when Chrysler essentially launched an entirely new vehicle segment in 1983 with production of the Dodge Caravan and Plymouth Voyager, both of which became staples in family driveways all across North America. By simply producing a compact box that drove like a car — a K-car as a matter of fact — and kept the kids out of each other's airspace, Chrysler hit it big. And by 1988, more than 450,000 minivans were being sold each year. Finally, the family could roll comfortably through McDonald's drive-thru to pick up a new delicacy called the McNugget, while listing to Billie Jean from Michael Jackson on the radio, on the way to National Lampoon's Vacation at the theatre, to watch the Griswolds make their way to Walley World amusement park in their Ford Country Squire woodie wagon, affectionately known as the Wagon Queen Family Truckster. Rival automakers took notice of the growing popularity and convenience of the minivan, but their reaction time was that of petrified stone and the Chrysler minivan fleet was too entrenched for others to make any kind of quick dent in Iacocca's juggernaut idea. General Motors eventually tapped the market with its Chevy Astro and GMC Safari. Ford countered with Aerostar, but Chrysler still controlled this segment through the 1980s and most of the 1990s until the Honda Odyssey and Toyota Sienna claimed a decent slice of the pie. But even today, Chrysler still owns the minivan market. The Dodge Caravan remained the world's best-selling minivan in 2012 and Chrysler has sold more then 13 million over the course of three decades, or about half of all minivans purchased in North America.

Back in the mid-1980s, there was nothing like it, so Chrysler could do no wrong in the new "minivan" class. Today, with a serious group of competitors, the words "value" and "content" are used a lot around Chrysler.

30 Years And Counting

To celebrate the longevity and success of its Town & Country and Grand Caravan minivans, Chrysler is releasing a special 30th anniversary edition of both models in November. And they are far from momma's minivan, decked out with aluminum wheels, third-row power folding seats, leather-wrapped heated steering wheel and a twin-screen Blu-Ray movie player. "As the minivan segment and innovation leaders," said Ben Winter, Chrysler's vice-president of vehicle engineering, "it's important that we continue to offer tremendous content and value, setting us apart from the rest of the segment." And showing no real reason or sign of slowing down, Chrysler has committed resource and revenue to a full redesign of the Town and Country in 2015. Chrysler's 700C Concept at the 2012 International auto show in Detroit, Mich., offered a glimpse of a lighter and more aerodynamic design to boost fuel economy. Whatever the minivan redesign looks like, be sure that soccer moms, little-league dads and road-trippers from all over suburbia will be loading them up and heading out to the Grand Canyon, Walley World or wherever.

What does this minivan have in common with the first one? In principle, everything. Technically, though? Nothing. The first one had only a passenger-side sliding door; you're supposed to let the kiddies out onto the sidewalk and not into moving traffic. ALL IMAGES WHEELBASE

Chrysler's goal

"It's important that we continue to offer tremendous content and value, setting us apart from the rest of the segment."

Ben Winter, Chrysler VP of vehicle engineering

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Hyundai's futuristic safety double act

Autopilot. Automaker has paired the clever duo of Heads Up Display and Blind Spot Detection with excellent result for their flagship model the Equus

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Look closely at the windshield and you can see HUD in action.

So many new features and functions are being baked into modern vehicles today that sometimes even really remarkable ones get overlooked or lost in the shuffle.

Especially if they're really tiny — the kind you could metaphorically sit on by mistake. As such, I would like to draw your attention to something small but big on Hyundai's flagship, the Equus. The big sedan was updated for 2014 and received a slew of new technologies and features. Among them were Blind-Spot Detection and a Heads-Up Display (HUD).

Now, both these features are cool enough, but certainly not NASA-like. What's unique and exciting is that Equus is the first vehicle ever to combine the two. It's like Bert and Ernie: Separately, they're funny, but together they can blow your comedy mind.

For those not familiar with Heads Up Display, it is a technology first developed for military aircraft. Information is projected right onto the windshield, so pilots could keep their "head up" and look forward, and not down and around, to where all the gauges are located. The HUD data is small and transparent, so you can see through it. It doesn't affect forward vision.

The need to keep "heads up" is not as crucial in automobiles, but putting stuff like vehicle speed and navigation directions in a HUD is wildly convenient.

But Blind Spot Warnings in the HUD is a completely other thing — it really changes the way you drive in traffic. You never have to turn your head! You're always looking down the road and when vehicles come in and out of your rear-flank blinds spots, you get a polite, little visual notice in the HUD.

I found this really reduced the stress of having to deal with other vehicles on the highway. I only attempted lane changes when I knew it was "all clear" and I never spent time looking and craning for gaps that never existed. And when I changed lanes, I changed with confidence.

I always confirmed with shoulder checks, but no one was there when I did. It's a simple, brilliant, little piece of technology.

The only caveat is that it frees up part of the driving brain. This should be useful, but most times you just start having Seinfeld moments, and wonder about stuff that doesn't really help mankind, like why is breakfast sausage typically thinner than regular sausage?

I'm sure we'll see this technology trickle down to vehicles costing less than the $72,229 Equus Ultimate. It's always happened before, with other useful technologies. Witness cigarette lighters, cruise, heated seats, air bags, ABS, etc.

But keep your eye on the Google Glass. It could be the wild card in the vehicle HUD story, as it seems bent on becoming the HUD of choice for everything.

Side profile of Hyundai's new flagship model the Equus, which comes complete with HUD and BSD. BOTH IMAGES HYUNDAI

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With four or six-cylinder power, manual or automatic transmissions and numerous option packages available, Acura expanded the TSX model lineup to ensure there was a model just right for virtually any budget. All variants of this Japanese luxury sports sedan were front-wheel drive, packed room for 4 adults (five in a pinch) and came with Acura's promise of safety, reliable performance, high resale value, and owner satisfaction. Look for Bluetooth connectivity, premium audio system options, xenon lights, automatic climate control, heated leather and navigation when you compare the used TSX to its competitors in the market.

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Common issues

Shoppers are advised to check the condition of the brakes on the TSX they're considering, as owners have reported premature brake wear somewhat frequently. A loud clunking noise when coming to a stop, or when just taking off, could be the result of an issue with the TSX's front-end, possibly relating to a ball-joint or strut assembly. If in doubt, have a mechanic get the TSX you're considering in the air for a check of the suspension. Electronics checks should include the remote keyfobs, the trunk release, all interior illumination, and the memory seating function. Be sure to check that both headlights are functional, as a burned-out xenon bulb can be relatively pricey to replace. Though somewhat rare and dependent on driver skill and habits, there is some discussion of clutch failure at low miles within the TSX owner's community. Ensure the clutch, if equipped, isn't slipping or worn out on the model you're considering. Driving at highway speed, 'feel' the TSX for signs of vibration from the front of the car, possibly through the steering wheel. If you note any, an out-of-balance driveshaft might be the culprit.

What owners like

Owners report feeling 'safe', and most rate the performance, even with the four-cylinder engine, positively. The feature-to-dollar ratio, say TSX owners online, is also favorable.

What owners dislike

Common gripes include 'boring' styling, lack of available AWD, and some drivers wish for higher performance for the up-level audio system.

Engine

Standard models were motivated by a 2.4 litre VTEC four-banger with a snudge over 200 horsepower. This engine came with automatic or six-speed manual transmissions. The TSX V6 got a 3.5 litre V6 engine with 280 horsepower and an automatic transmission only.

The verdict

The TSX seems affected mainly by issues that'll be easy to diagnose and 'feel' on a test-drive, and seems pleasantly free of major driveline and suspension-related problems. If the brakes, clutch and electronics on the model you're considering check out, the TSX a model that can be bought with relative confidence where fuel mileage, sporty handling and an upscale driving experience are priorities.

Breakdown or crash? Here's what to do ...

Driving force. Keep calm, remove your car from the road if possible and wait for the police or tow truck to arrive

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It's every motorist's worst nightmare: your car breaks down while you're driving, or you're involved in a collision.

You're stopped, but other traffic isn't, and now you have to worry not just about your vehicle, but also your safety around other ones.

"Try to pull your car off to the side of the road as quickly as you can, and as safely as possible," says Silvana Aceto, media consultant for CAA South Central Ontario. "It's a stressful situation, but don't panic, and try to stay calm."

In a breakdown, turn on your four-way flashers to warn other drivers, even if you're able to get off the road.

Note exactly where you are so you can call and direct a tow truck to your location, using such clues as the intersection, highway exits or kilometre markers, or landmarks such as shopping plazas or restaurants.

Whether it's safer to remain inside or outside your car will depend on the situation, Aceto says, but if you choose to get out, watch for oncoming vehicles, especially at night or in bad weather.

Don't stand directly behind or in front of your vehicle, in case someone runs into it.

Never cross the highway, as vehicles are moving much faster than they appear, and you can't properly judge the distance.

In a collision, assess if anyone is hurt and needs immediate medical assistance. Then, if it's safe to do so, move the vehicles off the road.

Be very cautious and stay off the road, since "rubbernecking" drivers staring at the crash may not see you in front of them.

Write down or snap a photo of the other vehicle's license plate; if the driver takes off, you have a record of it. In Ontario, collisions that exceed $1,000 in damage must be reported to the police.

It's a good idea to keep a notebook and pen in your glovebox. Make a note of important details, such as the time of the crash, the weather, the position of the cars, and if traffic lights were red or green.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Nothing is beyond your capabilities today but you must be clear what you desire. If not, you may scatter your energy while failing to reach the one destination that matters.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Someone who usually gives you a hard time will be as nice as pie today and you will be a bit suspicious. They do want to improve your relationship. Meet them halfway.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
People are different and clashes of opinion are inevitable. It is how you choose to deal with them that counts. Don't try to shout others down. Discuss your differences rationally.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Listen to and act upon your instincts. If you proceed on the assumption that your inner voice knows best, you won't go wrong. If you listen to "experts", you may go everywhere but where you should.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
The more others tell you that something cannot be done, the more you will strive to prove them wrong. You won't even have to strive too hard as everything comes easy to you now.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
The cure for the blues is action, so throw yourself into something that requires effort and concentration today and you will soon forget your worries — and you'll be in a more positive mood to deal with Friday's eclipse.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Venus, your ruler, linked to Uranus, planet of the unexpected, will bring nice surprises today but don't take anything for granted. Find ways to show you appreciate it.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Your enemies may be tough but you are tougher and no matter how hard they try to outsmart you over the next 24 hours, they won't succeed. Be gracious and forgiving in victory. It'll annoy them more.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Someone new will come into your life over the next 24 hours, someone who makes a big impression. Will you fall head over heels in love? Maybe. But even if you don't, it's a friendship made in heaven.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Today's Venus-Uranus link will perk you up and help you see that even when things seem to be going wrong you are still moving in the right direction. Don't worry about tomorrow.

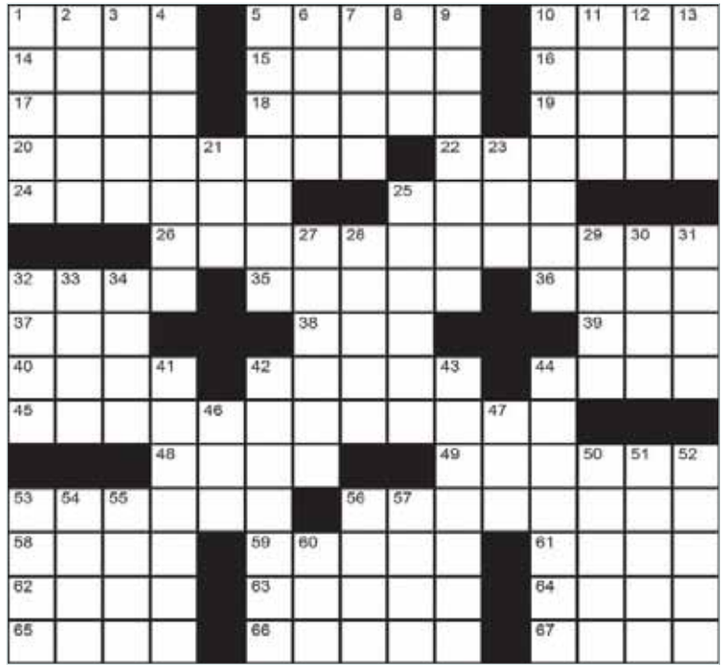
♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Push your luck as far as it will go today. You may be surprised how easily others give in to your demands. For best results though, make sure they gain too. There's more than enough good stuff to go around.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Go all out to impress those in positions of power. The more you act as if nothing is too much, the more inclined others will be to shower you with praise. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



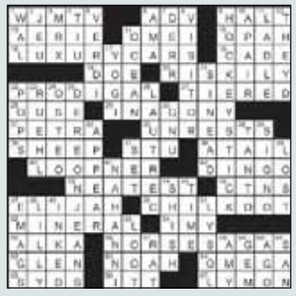
Across

1. Cinch
5. Legendary film-maker, __ B. DeMille (b.1881 - d.1959)
10. Epiphanies
14. Apple or pear, in botany
15. "What __ __ to do then?"
16. V-__ sweater
17. Largest continent
18. Tarnish
19. Squirrel's nest
20. Burnaby, BC-born soccer star, Christine __
22. Rant
24. The Wind in the Willows amphibious character: 2 wds.
25. Office note, commonly
26. Sofa
32. __ deer
35. Pre-euro moneys
36. Tint-to-hair applier
37. Howe'er
38. Called-one's occupation
39. Rock producer Brian
40. Saturate
42. Tom Cruise's first wife Ms. Rogers, and namesakes
44. Pitfall
45. Reconvening-of-Parliament delivery: 2 wds.
48. Calcium-rich vegetable
49. Where Georgetown is the capital
53. Failed the test, __ __ _
56. Ontario/Quebec body of water: 2 wds.
58. Elvis Presley's at-birth middle name
59. __ oil
61. Theatre award
62. Styx song
63. Ancient inhabitant of the Eternal City
64. Just about
65. Snick-or-__
66. Distort
67. Pink Floyd's late guitarist Mr. Barrett, and others

Down

1. Muscle cramp
2. Reply to a Drill Sergeant: 2 wds.
3. Make _ __ (Bring in the big bucks)
4. Bright bird
5. Nova Scotia: Star-shaped military attraction, Halifax __
6. Actor Mr. Morales
7. Coconut fibre
8. Roadside stop
9. Pen-to-paper messages
10. Mobile device operating system
11. Greek Myth: Olympian queen
12. Performed perfectly
13. Scottish dog breed, __ Terrier
21. __-di-dah
23. Global currency org.
25. Not-nice person
27. Actor Gary
28. Toronto: __ International Hotel & Tower
29. Glaring glancer
30. Ms. Horne
31. Fall
32. __. __. Helens, Wash.
33. "Whoops!": 2 wds.
34. Glide
41. Beer brewed in Creston, BC
42. 'City of Northern Lights' in Saskatchewan
43. Section
44. "O Canada" part that 'in all of us' is more gender-neutral than, as in recent headlines: 2 wds.
46. Grandmother, to some
47. Pool stick
50. Convent
51. Greek Myth: Water nymph
52. Tourist attraction in Australia, __ Rock
53. Talks
54. Port city of Algeria
55. Bride-__-__
56. Mr. Hendrix
57. Ms. Gardner's
60. Down

Yesterday's Crossword



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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

3			8					
1		8		4	9			2
	9	2	5					
						3	6	
2		1				7		8
	4	7						
					3	5	1	
7			6	9		8		4
					5			9

Yesterday's Sudoku

3	8	6	2	5	7	4	9	1
5	9	7	4	1	6	8	3	2
4	1	2	8	3	9	7	6	5
2	4	3	5	7	1	9	8	6
1	6	5	3	9	8	2	7	4
8	7	9	6	4	2	5	1	3
9	3	8	1	2	5	6	4	7
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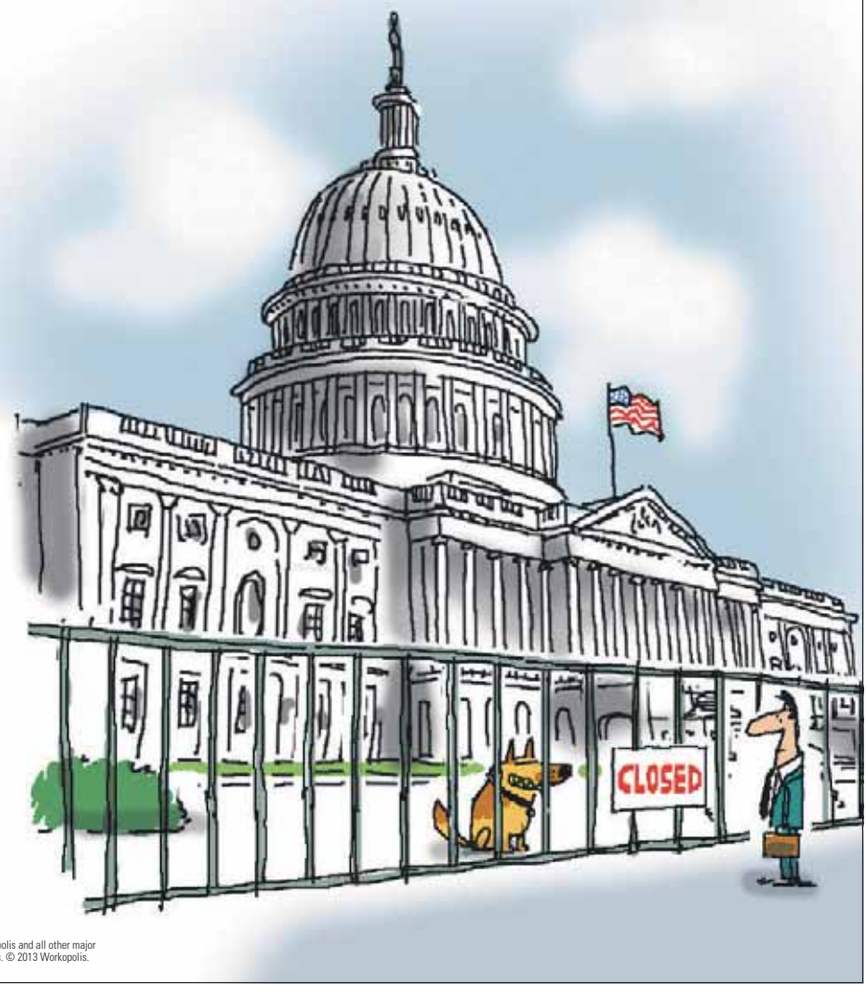

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